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Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

Dear Ms. Deschambault:

In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) comments on previous reports related to the Upper Tributary area investigations as provided in letters to Atlantic Richfield Company (Atlantic Richfield) dated September 14, 2015, and March 21, 2016. Atlantic Richfield is submitting this draft *Interim 2015-2016 Upper Tributary Report, Leviathan Mine Site, Alpine County, California*. This report is submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the *Statement of Work attached to the Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Docket No. 2008-18 issued by the U.S. EPA on June 23, 2008.*

When the original interim report was submitted, Atlantic Richfield did not intend for it to be the start of an annual reporting process. Rather, it was an interim evaluation to assess the feasibility of installing a subsurface barrier in the Upper Tributary area and to communicate with the U.S. EPA about data interpretation and the conceptual model for the potential interception of subsurface flow as requested by the U.S. EPA in its approval of *On-Property Focused Remedial Investigation Work Plan Amendment No. 2, Additional Characterization of the Upper Tributary Area, Leviathan Mine Site, Alpine County, California*.

The 2015-2016 wet season is the first period during monitoring in the Upper Tributary area where abnormally dry conditions have not occurred and, therefore, the indication of conditions where water and flow were present, thereby adding to the evaluation of the dynamics of water flow in the area. Atlantic Richfield will continue to collect data in the Upper Tributary area. Future evaluations of these data will be included as part of the Groundwater Technical Data Summary Report.

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ABA acid-base account

Atlantic Richfield Atlantic Richfield Company amsl above mean sea level bgs below ground surface Cascade Cascade Drilling L.P.

CD compact disk

cfs cubic feet per second

DI WET deionized water waste extraction test

gpm gallons per minute

LRWQCB Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

RI/FS Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

site Leviathan Mine Site

Summit Engineering Corporation

TOC total organic carbon

U.S. EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

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Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents results of data collected in 2015 through mid-2016 at the Upper Tributary area of the Leviathan Mine Site (the site) located in Alpine County, California (Figure 1-1). It also summarizes field activities and results for work conducted in prior years that were previously reported (2012b and 2015b). Field work performed in 2011 and 2012 and monitoring performed beginning in late 2012 through mid-2016 were conducted to support an assessment of the feasibility of installing a subsurface flow barrier in the Upper Tributary area (Figure 1-2). Atlantic Richfield Company (Atlantic Richfield) performed the activities described herein in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Statement of Work attached to the Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Docket No. 2008-18 issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on June 23, 2008. This report addresses comments provided by the U.S. EPA on previous reports related to the Upper Tributary investigations as provided in letters to Atlantic Richfield dated September 14, 2015, (U.S. EPA, 2015) and March 21, 2016 (U.S. EPA, 2016). The stream-flow data evaluated in this report extend through May 31, 2016, to capture spring runoff; however, the water-level data extend through July 31, 2016 in some cases because in some piezometers water levels were still rising at the end of May and the full effect of spring runoff at that time not be observed (Atlantic Richfield, 2016b). Although this report presents a limited data set, data collection continued in 2016.

2.0 TREATABILITY STUDY OBJECTIVES

This study consists of hydrogeological data collection needed to evaluate the feasibility of a cutoff wall on the Upper Tributary. The following data gaps were identified in *Additional Characterization of the Upper Tributary Area* (Atlantic Richfield, 2012a). This information will assist in evaluating the flux of surface water and groundwater from the Upper Tributary watershed that may be contributing to acid drainage into Leviathan Creek study area.

- 1. What volume of surface water enters the mine site year-round through the Upper Tributary?
- 2. What volume of surface water is lost or gained upstream of the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel?

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- 3. What volume of water, if any, leaks out or leaks into the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel?
- 4. What volume of non-impacted surface water flows through the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel and is discharged to Leviathan Creek?
- 5. What is the nature and magnitude of surface water/groundwater interaction in the Upper Tributary where it contacts mine waste beneath Ponds 2S and 2N?
- 6. Is groundwater flowing at the mine waste/native materials interface beneath Ponds 2S and 2N?
- 7. If there is no interfacial flow, what are the possible sources of groundwater entering surface or groundwater within or adjacent to Leviathan Creek from the Upper Tributary watershed?
- 8. If groundwater is flowing at the interface, can it be feasibly controlled and/or intercepted?

3.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES

In 2011, a drilling program was conducted in the Upper Tributary area (Atlantic Richfield, 2012b) to provide hydrogeologic information needed to evaluate the feasibility of a subsurface flow barrier. The 2011 Upper Tributary drilling program consisted of advancing four boreholes, collecting soil and rock samples for physical property testing, installing piezometers, and performing hydraulic testing at the new piezometers and a nearby monitoring well (MW-07).

Data collected in 2011 were combined with other site data to develop a conceptual understanding of the hydrogeological system in the Upper Tributary area and to identify the data gaps listed in Section 2.0. The following field activities were performed in 2012 to address these data gaps:

- installed stream-flow measurement stations and instrumented an existing U.S.
 Geological Survey (USGS) stream-flow measurement station in the Upper Tributary;
- performed falling-head percolation tests in the drainage swale west of Pond 2N;
- installed drive-point piezometers in the upstream portion of the Upper Tributary; and,
- installed shallow conventional piezometers along the Upper Tributary and the western and northern edges of Ponds 2N and 2S.

Seasonal water levels and stream flow along the Upper Tributary have been monitored since late 2012. Related field activities are summarized in the following sections.

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In late August 2012, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) removed accumulated sedimentation and vegetation within the concrete-lined portion of the Upper Tributary (LRWQCB, 2013). Approximately, 190 cubic yards of sediment and vegetation were removed.

3.1 STREAM-FLOW MEASUREMENT

The stream-flow measurement stations collect data that are used to estimate the:

- quantity of surface water entering the site annually at the Upper Tributary;
- volume of surface water that is lost or gained upstream of the concrete-lined portion of the Upper Tributary and along the lined portion of the Upper Tributary; and
- quantity of surface water that is discharged from the Upper Tributary to Leviathan Creek.

Two surface water stream-flow measurement stations, SF-01 and SF-02, were installed in the Upper Tributary in 2012 (Figure 3-1). Station SF-01 was installed in the natural portion of the Upper Tributary upstream of the concrete-lined portion of the tributary. Station SF-02 was installed in the concrete-lined portion of the tributary adjacent to the south side of Pond 2S. Additionally, an existing USGS stream-flow measurement station on the Upper Tributary at its confluence with Leviathan Creek was instrumented; this data collection point is designated as stream-flow measurement station SF-03. Syblon Reid Construction of Folsom, California, constructed the flow measurement stations between October 1 and October 26, 2012.

The stream-flow measurement stations were constructed with either a concrete (station SF-01) or wooden (station SF-02) headwall with a stainless-steel 90-degree V-notch weir plate and a staff gage. Solinst® Edge, Model 3001 pressure transducers with built-in data loggers were installed approximately 3 to 4 feet upstream of each weir. Stainless-steel Unistrut® frames and rigid conduit were used to anchor and hold the transducers. The transducers were placed approximately 2 inches above the stream bottom and programmed to measure and record temperature and water pressure (to calculate water height above the sensors) at 15-minute intervals. A transducer was installed at station SF-03 using similar materials and was also programmed to measure temperature and water pressure at 15-minute intervals. Staff gages were installed at all three flow measurement stations.

Construction drawings with information about how the flow measurement stations were developed and photographs of the flow measurement stations are provided in Appendix A. On November 14, 2012, Summit Engineering Corporation (Summit) of Reno, Nevada, surveyed the elevation of the top of the weir plate at station SF-01. The elevation of the top of the weir plate

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at station SF-02 was not surveyed at that time because of seasonal ice formation and limited accessibility. Amec Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (AMEC), surveyed horizontal coordinates of the weirs on May 22, 2012, using a Trimble® GeoXH handheld global positioning system unit. In fall 2013, Summit collected additional survey data (including weir dimensions, V-notch elevations, and staff gage elevations) at all three flow measurement stations. The coordinates and elevations of the flow measurement stations are provided in Table 3-1.

The flow through a weir is a function of the height of the water surface above the weir. Data from the pressure transducers at stations SF-01 through SF-03 were processed to calculate the height of the water surface above the V-notch weir. The height above the V-notch weir was then used to calculate a stream flow using a flow equation for a fully contracted 90-degree V-notch weir.

3.2 METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

Precipitation data for the Upper Tributary study is collected from meteorological station MET-01 as part of Atlantic Richfield's ongoing meteorological monitoring program. Three meteorological stations (MET-01, MET-02, and MET-03) were originally monitored in the Leviathan Creek Study Area; however, because data from the three stations were largely redundant, only station MET-01 is currently operating and stations MET-02 and MET-03 have been dismantled (Atlantic Richfield, 2015a). Routine inspections are conducted to ensure that the instrumentation is unobstructed and operating correctly. Data collected by multiple sensors are downloaded approximately monthly during the field season.

Station MET-01 is located adjacent to the operator's trailer in the Pond 4 parking area. Station MET-01 is fitted with sensors to measure wind speed, wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, solar radiation, and barometric pressure. The station is equipped with an internally heated precipitation gauge that allows both frozen and liquid precipitation to be measured year round.

3.3 Drive-Point Piezometer Installation

Drive-point piezometers were installed to characterize the hydraulic relationship between surface water and shallow groundwater near where the Upper Tributary encounters mine waste near Pond 2S. Differences in water-level elevation in adjacent piezometers completed at different depths are used to evaluate if a stream is gaining water from or losing water to groundwater. Six drive-point piezometers, DPZ-01 through DPZ-06, were installed adjacent to the Upper Tributary on October 25, 26, and 31, 2012 (Figure 3-1). Construction details are provided in Table 3-2. The piezometers were installed along the north bank of the tributary immediately upstream and immediately downstream of a concrete structure in the tributary.

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Solinst® Model 615N drive-point piezometers with a stainless-steel screen were installed. Each screen is 0.75 inches in diameter and 0.5 feet in length. The screens were connected to 1-inch-diameter by 3-foot-long stainless-steel extensions with National Pipe Tapered threads at each end. A 1- to 0.75-inch-diameter threaded bell reducer was used at the joint of the screen and extension. Teflon tape was used at each joint.

During installation, the drive-point screen and extension pipe were driven into the ground using a slide hammer. Extension pieces were added as needed as the piezometer was driven into the ground. After driving the piezometer to total depth (typically refusal), the drive head was removed and a plastic compression fitting was fitted onto the top of the above-ground portion of the extension pipe. The compression fitting has a hole for a transducer cable to pass through. Solinst® Levelogger Edge Model 3001 transducers were installed near the bottom of the piezometers on October 31, 2012, and November 1, 2012. Each transducer has a cable that extends from the sensor to the top of the piezometer casing and can be connected to a laptop computer to download recorded data or view it in real-time. Transducers were programmed to collect measurements every hour.

Summit surveyed the drive-point piezometers on November 14, 2012. Construction information and the horizontal and vertical coordinates are provided in Table 3-2.

3.4 CONVENTIONAL PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION

Conventional piezometers (piezometers) were installed to:

- characterize the surface water/groundwater interaction where the surface water/groundwater contacts mine waste beneath Ponds 2N and 2S;
- characterize whether groundwater may be flowing through the mine waste beneath Ponds 2N and 2S; and
- provide information needed to assess whether groundwater can be controlled or intercepted and identify other possible sources of groundwater entering surface water or groundwater within or adjacent to Leviathan Creek from the Upper Tributary watershed.

Ten boreholes were advanced during the 2012 field season and completed as piezometers (Figure 3-1). Piezometer construction details are summarized in Table 3-3. The piezometers were installed using the sonic drilling method. Drilling activities began on September 26, 2012, and were concluded on October 30, 2012. Cascade Drilling, L.P. (Cascade), of Rancho Cordova, California, performed drilling, sampling, and piezometer installation activities. Cascade is a State of California-licensed (C-57) drilling contractor. Cascade used a Geoprobe 8140 LS

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track-mounted limited-access drill rig and a Sonic Drill Corporation truck-mounted Sonicor 50K drill head to perform the drilling activities.

Continuous soil and rock core samples were collected during drilling using nominal 4-inch and 6-inch outer-diameter by 5- or 10-foot-long coring tools. Following coring of a 5- or 10-foot interval, a nominal 6-inch-diameter drill casing was advanced into the borehole to seal off or "case" the cored interval before the borehole was advanced further. This drilling method facilitates observation of the depth that groundwater (if any) is first encountered in the uncased borehole and the collection of grab groundwater samples as drilling progresses. The 6-inch-diameter casing was advanced to the approximate total depth of the borehole followed by piezometer installation.

3.4.1 Soil and Rock Sampling, Testing, and Logging

Soil and rock samples were collected using either the nominal 4- or 6-inch-diameter sonic coring tools or a California modified split-spoon sampler lined with 6-inch-long stainless-steel sleeves. Samples selected for laboratory analysis were labeled, placed in an ice-cooled chest, and transported to the laboratory under chain of custody protocol. Samples were selected to 1) provide information regarding the material and hydraulic properties of potential water-bearing zones encountered during drilling and 2) to characterize the mine waste.

The soil and rock samples were tested for particle size distribution (sieve and hydrometer), Atterberg Limits, and vertical hydraulic conductivity by AMEC Materials Testing Laboratory in Reno, Nevada. Chemical analysis consisted of remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) metals, deionized water waste extraction test (DI WET) for RI/FS metals, acid-base account (ABA), and total organic carbon (TOC). Test America, Inc. of Irvine, California, analyzed the samples for RI/FS metals, DI WET for RI/FS metals, and TOC. SVL Analytical, Inc. of Kellogg, Idaho, analyzed the samples for ABA.

Soil and rock core samples were described by the field geologist using the ASTM International Standard D2488-09a for guidance, which is based on the Unified Soil Classification System. Exploration borehole logs were prepared for each borehole and include a piezometer construction schematic. The exploration borehole logs are provided in Appendix B.

3.4.2 Grab Groundwater Sampling and Analysis

To identify whether water was entering each borehole, a water-level indicator was lowered to the bottom of the borehole and the water level was monitored for a minimum of 5 minutes. All boreholes were monitored during drilling, but groundwater was encountered during drilling in the

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Upper Tributary at only one borehole (B-61/PZ-51). A groundwater grab sample was collected when groundwater was first encountered.

The grab groundwater sample from borehole B-61/PZ-51 was analyzed for field water quality parameters (temperature, pH, specific electric conductance, dissolved oxygen, and oxidation-reduction potential). The concentrations of ferrous iron and sulfate were also measured in the field using a HACH Portable Colorimeter.

3.4.3 Piezometer Installation

At most locations, piezometers were installed at depths shallower than the total borehole depth. In these cases, the bottom of the borehole was sealed by first removing slough material that had accumulated in the bottom of the borehole using the coring tool and advancing the 6-inch-diameter drill casing to the borehole total depth. The borehole was then backfilled to the piezometer design-specified depth with a low permeability material consisting of medium bentonite chips or cement-bentonite grout. For the cement-bentonite grout, a minimum of approximately 3 percent powdered bentonite was added to the grout mixture. Grout was pumped into the borehole using a PVC tremie pipe inside the drill casing. Bentonite chips were poured into the drill casing and hydrated with clean water in approximately 1-foot lifts if no water was present in the borehole. As the grout or chips were placed into the borehole, the drill casing was vibrated and retracted in increments to ensure proper placement of the low permeability materials.

Piezometers were constructed with nominal 2-inch-diameter Schedule 40 PVC flush-threaded casing and screen with 0.020-inch-wide machine slots. Stainless-steel centralizers were fixed to the casing at the top and bottom of the well screen and at approximately every 40 feet along the blank interval of casing. The uppermost centralizer was placed at approximately 10 feet below ground surface (bgs). A Schedule 40 PVC end cap was threaded onto the bottom of the well screen. A 1/16-inch-diameter drain hole was drilled in the bottom of the end cap to facilitate drainage of water from the end cap in the event that the water table fell below the bottom of the piezometer. The filter material consisted of No. 2/12 silica sand. An approximately 0.5- to 1-footthick interval of No. 60 transition sand was installed immediately above the filter material to restrict movement of grout into the well screen. The filter material and transition sand were vibrated into place as the drill casing was removed from the borehole. An approximately 3-footthick seal consisting of hydrated, medium bentonite chips was placed directly above the transition sand. The remaining annular space was sealed with cement-bentonite grout or medium bentonite chips from the top of the bentonite seal to approximately ground surface. During the installation of all annular well construction materials, the sonic drill casing was vibrated and incrementally raised in a manner that prevented borehole collapse and bridging of

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annular fill materials. The piezometers were completed at the surface with 8-inch diameter flush-mounted traffic-rated well boxes. The well boxes were surrounded by a 3-foot-square by 6-inch-thick pad constructed with rapid-set concrete reinforced with wire mesh. Each piezometer was fitted with a well cap and locked for security. Although the screen intervals targeted zones that displayed possible signs of water (e.g., staining), it was not possible to develop the piezometers because they either contained insufficient water for development or were dry at the time of completion.

3.4.4 Surveying

The piezometers were surveyed by Summit on November 14, 2012. Elevation was reported in feet above mean sea level (amsl) for the top of the well casing at a measuring point marked on the northern lip of the casing. Summit also calculated the ground surface elevation immediately adjacent to each piezometer by adding the distance between the well casing and the ground surface to the surveyed top of casing elevation. Construction information and the horizontal and vertical coordinates are provided in Table 3-3.

3.4.5 Water-Level Monitoring

On November 12, 2012, AMEC installed Solinst® Levelogger Edge Model 3001 transducers near the bottom of the piezometers. Each transducer is suspended from the piezometer cap by a 1/16-inch-diameter stainless-steel cable.

4.0 DATA SUMMARY

Results for groundwater and surface water monitoring for the 2015 through mid-2016 are discussed in this section. All 2016 data are considered preliminary. Transducer data and flow data for 2015 through mid-2016 are provided on compact disk (CD) in Appendix C. Summary graphs of the data are provided on the CD along with the individual data files for each location. Results for groundwater and surface water monitoring for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 field seasons were presented in previous reports dated March 18, 2014 and March 31, 2015 (Atlantic Richfield 2012b and 2015b).

4.1 QUALITY-CONTROL REVIEW

Following the retrieval of data from the transducers, data are reviewed following the procedures presented in the final RI/FS Quality Assurance Project Plan, Revision No. 1 (Atlantic Richfield, 2016a) to identify potential problems with the transducers and identify whether anomalous measurements are present in the data set. During the review process, data categorized as "unusable" are noted in the final data record and are subsequently not used.

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Once the final data record was established, the remaining (i.e., usable) data were corrected for atmospheric pressure (measured by a barometric transducer). The data were then compared to monitoring station construction information to calculate the thickness of water above the transducer, water surface elevation, and flow (for flow measurement stations).

Transducers used in the V-notch weirs for stream gauge measurements are Solinst M5 Leveloggers® with precision of +/- 0.05 percent. At a flow of 1.2 cfs, the highest mean flow calculated in 2016, this is equivalent to precision of approximately +/- 0.0006 cfs.

To control accuracy and reduce system error in flow calculations, transducer is checked periodically in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure 39.0 in final RI/FS Quality Assurance Project Plan, Revision No. 1 (Atlantic Richfield, 2016a). If the difference between a transducer reading and the manually measured depth differs by 5 percent or more, the transducer is repositioned to correspond the manual reading. No flow measurement station has failed this check

Evaporation Pans were calibrated at least every six months. Meteorological Stations were calibrated annually. NovaLynx Corporation certifies that the meteorological data collection systems were checked and tested using recognized standards. Some of the calibration devices are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Work was completed according to the manufacture's calibration procedures and specifications and complies with former MIL-STD-45662A.

The quality of the data used in this report were checked in accordance with the final RI/FS QAPP, Revision No. 1 (Atlantic Richfield, 2016a). The data are considered representative, comparable, and useable for the purposes of completing the objectives of this study.

4.2 PRECIPITATION

Precipitation data in the Upper Tributary watershed exhibit the pattern typical for a Mediterranean climate with most precipitation occurring between October and May. Most precipitation at the site from November through March arrives as snowfall. Summer and fall are generally dry except for localized thunderstorms that may quickly drop large volumes of precipitation. Since September 2011, total daily precipitation at MET-01 has ranged from zero to 1.84 inches (Graph 4-1). Since January 2012, total yearly precipitation has ranged from 3.36 inches (2013) to 14.77 inches (2015).

4.3 STREAM FLOW

Stream flow has been measured at stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03 on the Upper Tributary since November 2012 (Graph 4-2). Stream flows discussed in this section are mean daily values. Between April 2013 and March 2016, no mean daily flows approached 0.1 cfs. From November 2012 to May 2016, mean daily flows at stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03 were 0.014, 0.013, and 0.015 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively (equivalent to 6.3, 5.7, and 6.7 gallons per minute [gpm], respectively). Results from 2015 through mid-2016 stream-flow monitoring are discussed below.

4.3.1 2015 Results

Graph 4-3 shows measured mean daily flows at stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03 and daily precipitation in 2015. Although increased stream flow was observed after some precipitation events, especially at station SF-03, flows were very small (i.e., hundredths of cfs). No flow was measured at station SF-01 in 2015, and the maximum mean daily flow at station SF-02 was only 0.0036 cfs. Atlantic Richfield defines no flow as any time when the water level detected by the transducer is not above the v-notch elevation. The first measurable precipitation in 2015 occurred on January 27. A larger event on February 7 generated a mean daily stream flow of 0.029 cfs at station SF-03, the highest mean daily flow in 2015. By October, conditions were wetter than they had been in several years, but increased precipitation is not reflected in stream flow because of the subfreezing temperatures. Total precipitation measured at MET-01 in 2015 was 14.77 inches.

4.3.2 2016 Results

Stream flow in the Upper Tributary in 2016 was typically one to two orders of magnitude higher than in 2015, reflecting greater precipitation in late 2015 and early 2016. Total precipitation measured at MET-01 in 2016 through June 1 was 8.74 inches; more than the total for all of 2013 or 2014 (3.36 inches and 8.28 inches, respectively). Graph 4-4 shows measured mean daily flows at stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03, along with daily precipitation. Flow at all three stations shows very similar characteristics with maximum mean daily flows of 0.90 cfs, 0.90 cfs, and 1.2 cfs at stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03, respectively. Several precipitation events (snowfalls) occurred in January and early February 2016. Flows above 0.4 cfs at station SF-03 occurred on March 20 through 21, April 9 through 11, and May 5 through 8. Similar or lower flows occurred at stations SF-01 and SF-02. The largest flows on the Upper Tributary in 2016 immediately followed large precipitation (presumably rainfall) events rain) on April 10 (0.74 cfs at station SF-03) and May 6 (1.20 cfs at station SF-03).

The Upper Tributary is an ephemeral stream with measured flows occurring primarily in response to rainfall events or snowmelt. Mean annual flows for 2016 were calculated using

mean daily flows measured at stations SF-01, SF-2, and SF-03. The resultant mean annual flows in 2016 for stations SF-01, SF-02, and SF-03 in 2016 were 0.11 cfs (49 gpm), 0.093 cfs (42 gpm), and 0.12 cfs (52 gpm) respectively. At most times, flow measured at station SF-01 was higher than at station SF-02. Flow was almost always highest at station SF-03.

4.4 GROUNDWATER

Graphs 4-5 and 4-6 show groundwater elevations in all Upper Tributary piezometers that had water-level fluctuations of at least 0.2 feet and mean daily flows at all three flow measurement stations for 2015 and 2016, respectively. Large differences in groundwater elevations between piezometers (i.e., tens of feet) and variations in stream flow (i.e., zero to 1 cfs) are apparent. Subsequent plots group piezometers with similar water levels. Gaps in plotted data indicate levels below the transducer elevations or problems in data acquisition.

Because of substantial differences in water-level elevations and flow fluctuations between locations, different y-axis scales are used in different plots to best show variations in water levels. Water levels tend to vary by depth and location. Upstream piezometers (e.g., DPZ-01 through DZP-06) exhibit higher water elevation (when they were not dry) than piezometers farther downstream. Piezometers PZ-39 and PZ-47, screened across mine waste and native materials (gravel, clay, and sand) beneath mine waste, have much lower groundwater elevations than any other nearby piezometers. Piezometers PZ-45, PZ- 50, PZ-51, PZ-52, PZ-54, and PZ-55 are screened in shallow mine waste. Piezometers PZ-44 and PZ-53 are screened in native materials below the mine waste, and piezometer PZ-49, is screened in bedrock.

Table 4-1 presents the maximum mean daily change in the height of the water column above the transducer in Upper Tributary piezometers for 2015 and 2016. The screened lithology for each piezometer is also provided. The mean daily height of the water column above the transducer is presented and used to discuss water-level changes in this table because these data provide readily comparable information about water-level changes over the course of the year. In 2015, the maximum change in water height ranged from zero (dry) to 5.73 feet in piezometer PZ-55. In 2016, the maximum change was 7.36 feet in piezometer PZ-39. A more detailed evaluation of water levels is provided in the following sections.

4.4.1 Drive-Point Piezometers

All drive-point piezometers were dry at the time of installation and when the transducers were installed. The drive-point piezometers were installed to measure water levels during wet periods like spring melts. The drive-point piezometers in the Upper Tributary area indicate water levels from depths of less than 5 feet bgs (Table 4-1).

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4.4.1.2 2015 Results

In 2015, water levels in most drive-point piezometers were never more than a few tenths of a foot above the transducer. Maximum changes in mean daily water levels ranged from zero to 0.46 feet (Table 4-1). Drive-point piezometers DPZ-01, DPZ-03, and DPZ-05 were dry, and DZP-02 was nearly dry. Mean daily water levels in drive-point piezometers DPZ-04 and DPZ-06 fluctuated within a few tenths of a foot around 7,039 and 7,038 feet amsl, respectively (Graph 4-7). As shown on Graph 4-7, mean daily stream flow at station SF-02 at the time of water-level measurements was in most cases negligible; however, stream flow infrequently occurred over short time periods in response to rainfall events or snowmelt in April, May, and June 2015. The maximum mean daily stream flow at station SF-02 during this time period was 0.0036 cfs.

4.4.1.3 2016 Results

After the relatively wet winter of 2015/2016, water levels in the drive-point piezometers had changed little from 2015 (Graph 4-6). No water-level data were collected from drive-point piezometer DPZ-05 because of a malfunctioning transducer. The mean water level in drive-point piezometer DPZ-04 was only 0.01 feet higher than the mean for 2015, and the mean level in drive-point piezometer DPZ-06 was the same as in 2015. In 2016, maximum mean daily water-level change was 0.68 feet (Table 4-1). Drive-point piezometer DPZ-02 was dry for most of the year, but had more than 0.30 feet of water for a few hours during the precipitation event on May 6, 2016. Maximum mean daily water-level changes in drive-point piezometers DPZ-01 and DZP-03 were 0.30 and 0.66 feet respectively. Water levels in drive-point piezometers DPZ-01 fluctuated around 7,057 feet amsl, and around 7,053.5 feet amsl in drive-point piezometer DPZ-03 after rising about six tenths of a foot over two days in February 2016 (Graph 4-8). As shown on Graph 4-8, stream flow at station SF-02 during the time of water-level measurements fluctuated in response to rainfall events or snowmelt in March through May 2016. The maximum mean daily flow at station SF-02 during this time period was more than 0.90 cfs in May.

Mean daily water levels in drive-point piezometers DPZ-04 and DPZ-06, with maximum changes in heights of 0.68 feet and 0.49 feet (Table 4-1), fluctuated within a few tenths of a foot around 7,039 feet and 7,038 feet amsl, respectively (Graph 4-9). These levels are similar to water levels measured during 2015. Drive-point piezometer DPZ-04 reached a maximum height of 0.68 feet above the transducer in 2016.

4.4.2 Piezometers

Standard (non-drive-point) Upper Tributary piezometers can generally be divided into three depth categories: shallow with screens in the range of 7 to 21 feet bgs (PZ-45, PZ-52, PZ-54, and PZ-55); intermediate with screens in the interval of 21 to 37 feet bgs (PZ-44, PZ-49, PZ-50, PZ-51, and PZ-53); and deep with screens at depths of 87 to 108 feet bgs (PZ-39 and PZ-47)

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(Table 4-1). Mean daily water levels measured in all piezometers from 2015 through mid-2016 are discussed below. Water levels discussed in this section are mean daily values.

4.4.2.2 2015 Results

Groundwater was present in all Upper Tributary piezometers in 2015 with the exception of piezometer PZ-51 (Table 4-1). Total water-level fluctuations in piezometers PZ-47, PZ-49, and PZ-52 were less than 0.1 feet. Graph 4-10 (showing piezometer PZ-49) is an example of the water-level fluctuations observed in these nearly dry piezometers. Graph 4-10 shows many minor fluctuations that may be indicative of atmospheric pressure changes and signal noise rather than actual water-level variations. Only two piezometers, PZ-39 and PZ-55, had water-level changes greater than one foot in 2015.

Water levels in piezometer PZ-55, located more than 300 feet downstream from station SF-02, reached a height of 5.73 feet above the transducer in 2015, more than any other piezometer, with maximum elevations of approximately 7025.3 feet and 7023.7 feet amsl in February and June 2015 (Graph 4-11). Stream flow for stations SF-01 and SF-02 were not plotted on Graph 4-11 because stream flow was insignificant.

Water levels in deep-screened piezometer PZ-39 (west of the Upper Tributary) increased erratically in 2015 from the beginning of the year until late June, reaching a maximum elevation of 6950.08 feet amsl on June 23 (Graph 4-12) for a total change of about 1.1 feet for the year. From this peak in June, water levels dropped steadily until December.

4.4.2.3 2016 Results

Groundwater was measured in all Upper Tributary piezometers in 2016 with the exceptions of piezometers PZ-51 and PZ-53 (Table 4-1). In general, water-level changes in 2016 were considerably greater than the previous two years. Total water-level variations in piezometers PZ-49, PZ-52, and PZ-54 were less than 0.1 feet. Four piezometers, PZ-39, PZ-45, PZ-47, and PZ-55, had water-level changes of more than one foot.

The groundwater level in piezometer PZ-45 increased rapidly in March to an elevation of 7,032.83 feet amsl before declining (Graph 4-13). Two smaller water-level spikes correlate with increased stream flow, which mirrors precipitation events during those months. This sharp water-level response to precipitation events is possibly related to localized recharge near this piezometer, which appears to be in a possible former ephemeral stream channel based on prewaste-emplacement topographic data. From 2015 to 2016, the maximum water-level change in piezometer PZ-45 increased from 0.82 to 5.44 feet above the transducer.

Piezometer PZ-55 is screened in shallow mine waste from 6.9 to 21.4 feet bgs (Table 4-1). Between February 4 and February 10 in 2016 the water level in piezometer PZ-55 increased more than 4 feet to an elevation of 7023.91 feet amsl (Graph 4-13). It fluctuated near this level until early May when it began to decline. The maximum change in water levels in piezometer PZ-55 was 4.64 feet, which is less than the 5.73 feet change in 2015.

In piezometers PZ-44 and PZ-50 (north of the Upper Tributary), water levels in 2016 were relatively similar in magnitude (between 7014 and 7016 feet amsl) (Graph 4-14), but show much different fluctuation patterns. While levels in piezometer PZ-50 fluctuated around 7015.5 to 7016.0 feet amsl, water levels in piezometer PZ-44 increased rapidly in May by almost a foot after being stable around 7014.5 to 7014.7 feet amsl until that time. After peaking on May 20, water levels declined to near previous levels by late June. This water-level peak followed the highest stream flows on the Upper Tributary measured in 2016.

Graph 4-15 shows water levels in piezometer PZ-39 (screened in native materials beneath mine waste) and piezometer PZ-47 (screened in deeper mine waste) plotted against cumulative precipitation and stream flow at station SF-02. Water levels increased by up to 7.36 in piezometer PZ-39 and 2.10 feet in piezometer PZ-47 in 2016. Water levels in these deeper piezometers show few of the rapid fluctuations observed in the shallower piezometers. Although available data generally does extend past May 31, the early declines of water levels in these piezometers are more gradual than most of the shallower piezometers.

5.0 DATA ANALYSIS

Until the 2015/2016 wet season, relatively little groundwater level and surface water flow data were available to evaluate because of the dry conditions in previous years. The 2015/2016 wet season data provide an initial, small set of data to evaluate during a near-normal water year. Because this data set is of relatively short duration, there is considerable uncertainty associated with interpretations related to possible long-term groundwater recharge trends based on these data.

The data collected and analyzed for this study were also evaluated for presentation purposes, particularly stream-flow data for graphing. The following is a description of how stream-flow data were presented in this report:

During high stream-flow periods, water flowed over the tops of the v-notch weirs. Flow rates during these periods could not be calculated because the true, larger stream flow is not possible to calculate when water is flowing over the top of a v-notch. As a result, stream flow when water flowed over the top of a v-notch were

- plotted on graphs at the maximum calculated flow rate for a particular weir (i.e., the stream flow representing water levels at the top of the v-notch);
- Stream stages were recorded using transducers and data loggers. For periods when no stream flow was occurring (i.e., no water present in the stream, water in the stream was frozen, and possible instrument malfunction) the values were plotted as zero.

5.1 PRECIPITATION

Spring 2016 was the first period to follow a relatively wet winter since 2012 and was the first wet period captured by regular monitoring in the Upper Tributary area. The table below presents total annual precipitation measured at station MET-01 for 2012 through May 31, 2016.

TOTAL ANNUAL PRECIPITATION - STATION MET-0	I
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Year	Total Precipitation (inches)
2012	14.1
2013	3.36
2014	8.28
2015	14.77
2016 (to 5/31)	8.74

The greatest amount of precipitation to fall on a single day since September 2011 was 1.84 inches on February 27, 2014 (Graph 4-1). Although 2012 had almost as much total precipitation as 2015, the 2015/2016 wet season is by far the wettest in the monitored timespan. Most of this precipitation (snowfall) was not available to recharge groundwater or streams until significant melting occurs in April, May, and June.

5.2 PRECIPITATION AND STREAM FLOW

Although many individual precipitation events are evident, there was little runoff in the Upper Tributary from the time monitoring began in late 2012 until spring 2016 (Graph 5-1). Although there was substantially more total precipitation in 2015 than in either of the previous two years, the increased precipitation had little effect on stream flow during 2015. Most precipitation from 2015 summer storms was probably absorbed by the soil, after two years of drought, and precipitation after October was mainly snow. A heavy spring snowmelt and increased precipitation in 2016 significantly increased stream flow and water levels in many, but not all piezometers.

Stream flow in the Upper Tributary was minimal during the drought conditions that prevailed in 2014 and early 2015. The small flows measured in 2015, mostly at station SF-03, were likely due to shallow recharge after precipitation events base on limited correlation (Graph 4-3). This limited correlation between precipitation and stream flow disappeared almost entirely later in the year when drier soil conditions may have absorbed most potential recharge, or when precipitation began to fall as snow. Higher flows at station SF-03 relative to station SF-02 are short lived after precipitation events and may be due to surface runoff (sheet flow) from the hillside to the south into the lined channel portion of the Upper Tributary.

In contrast to 2015, there appears to be a strong relationship between precipitation and stream flow in 2016 once the weather had warmed and snowmelt runoff ceased (Graph 4-4). By May, drier conditions had reduced the correlation between precipitation events and stream flow, possibly because of increased infiltration and related soil moisture retention. During spring recharge (February through April), mean daily temperature correlates closely with stream flow (Graph 5-2), especially during subfreezing conditions.

Total monthly runoff from 2013 through mid-2016, defined as stream-flow discharge in the Upper Tributary at station SF-03, was plotted as a fraction of total monthly precipitation in the Upper Tributary watershed to illustrate the relationship between precipitation and stream flow in the Upper Tributary (Graphs 5-3 through 5-6). Measured monthly stream-flow volume at station SF-03 was converted to inches across the 0.59 square-mile watershed and divided by total precipitation to calculate the percentage of precipitation as runoff. Runoff in 2013, 2014, and 2016 was equal to 26 percent, 16 percent, and 29 percent of the total precipitation in the watershed subbasin. Runoff was a negligible 1 percent of total precipitation in 2015. Only in 2016 was there significant runoff, which ranged from approximately 0.33 to 0.41 inches in March, April, and May, equivalent to mean discharge rates of 75 to 97 gpm. The difference between total precipitation and stream-flow runoff is some combination of evapotranspiration, infiltration, and groundwater recharge.

5.3 STREAM FLOW AND GROUNDWATER

Groundwater in piezometers located near the Upper Tributary or other ephemeral stream channels (e.g., the drainage swale west of Pond 2N) could theoretically receive recharge from those watercourses independent of regional recharge; however, because conditions were dry and flows low, there was generally little or no correlation between stream flow and groundwater levels in 2015. Water levels in the drive-point piezometers also did not appear to correlate to stream flow (Graphs 4-7 and 4-8). The water-level rise in drive-point piezometer DPZ-03 preceded the increase in stream flow and was, therefore, apparently not directly related to stream flow. There do appear to be some possible correlations between stream flow and water

levels in drive-point piezometers DPZ-04 and DPZ-06 in 2016 (Graph 4-9), although water levels in drive-point piezometers differed little from those in 2015.

As with the drive-point piezometers, water-level changes in standard piezometers near stream channels showed little correlation with stream flow. The initial water-level rise in piezometer PZ-55 is more likely related to spring recharge than to increased stream flow because there is no correlation with other flow events (Graph 4-11). No water-level correlation with stream flow was evident in other piezometers near the Upper Tributary in 2015 (Graphs 4-11 and 4-12).

After the relatively wetter winter and spring 2016, stream discharge was much greater than in 2015, but water levels in piezometers still generally appear to have little correlation with stream flow (Graphs 4-13 and 4-14). An exception is the flow event that peaked on May 6, which caused modest water-level increases in piezometers PZ-44, PZ-45, and PZ-55. Piezometer PZ-44 had an increase of almost a foot. Piezometer PZ-44 (deeper) and PZ-45 (shallow) are located in a possible former ephemeral stream channel based on on pre-waste-emplacement topographic data, which may provide some volume of surface flow recharge at certain times.

Considering the generally minimal apparent stream-flow recharge, there may have been other factors associated with recharge from the May 6, 2016, storm that magnified water-level changes such as wetter soil conditions preceding the storm. Because stream flow mimics precipitation events (after the spring melt) in 2016, water-level increases in shallower piezometers may be related to areal groundwater recharge as much as stream-flow recharge.

Water levels in the deep-screened piezometers (PZ-39 and PZ-47) had no relationship with surface flow (Graph 4-15), but they are likely driven by seasonal recharge and the effects of long-term groundwater recharge from cumulative precipitation events.

At most times, flow measured at station SF-01 was higher than at station SF-02, and flow was greatest at station SF-03. The differences in flows between stations SF-01 and SF-2 in 2016, with means of 0.109 cfs (49.1 gpm) and 0.093 cfs (41.7 gpm), respectively, suggest a generally losing reach with a mean loss of about 7.3 gpm across this unlined reach. Increased flow at station SF-03, with a mean flow of 0.115 cfs (51.4 gpm), suggest a generally gaining reach with a mean gain of 10 gpm.

5.4 PRECIPITATION AND GROUNDWATER

Little recharge appears to occur in most shallow materials along the Upper Tributary near the drive-point piezometers (Figure 5-7), but with the exception of drive-point piezometer DPZ-02, all of them did receive a relatively small to moderate volume of shallow recharge in 2016, with

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maximum water-level changes ranging from 0.30 to 0.68 feet. Water at these shallow depths might be considered as shallow recharge or perched groundwater with little apparent connection to deeper groundwater.

Piezometers PZ-49, PZ-51, PZ-52, and PZ-53 have been consistently dry or had very low water levels, even during periods of higher precipitation observed in 2016. Water-level data from these piezometers show that little groundwater is present at mid-depths along the border between Ponds 2N and 2S and the slope to the southwest, except at the mouth of the swale near piezometer PZ-44. Little recharge apparently occurs in this mid-depth zone (based on the water-level responses in the piezometers during a moderately wet year (2016 wet season).

Piezometer PZ-55 had the most significant accumulation of groundwater in both 2015 and 2016 (Graphs 4-11 and 4-13) and water levels appeared to respond strongly to spring recharge. The recovery of water levels in June 2015 corresponds to multiple recharge events over that period (Graph 4-3). Increased water levels in PZ-55 in 2016 appear to correlate with a moderate precipitation event in early March (Figure 5-7), but this is also around the time that significant recharge from the spring thaw would also be occurring.

In 2016, water levels in piezometer PZ-45 increased rapidly in the spring by more than 5 feet (Figure 5-7) before declining erratically, and then rapidly recovering to pre-spring levels by early June presumably in response to several precipitation events. Piezometer PZ-45 is screened in higher transmissivity mine waste materials and appears to be in a possible former ephemeral stream channel based on pre-waste-emplacement topographic data. From 2015 to 2016, the maximum water level in piezometer PZ-45 increased from 0.82 to 5.44 feet above the transducer. Substantially greater water-level increases in piezometer PZ-45 relative to other piezometers along the southwest margin of Ponds 2N and 2S is possibly related to higher transmissivity materials associated with a higher gravel content of mine waste in the lower part of the screen interval for piezometer PZ-45 and localized groundwater recharge associated with its location within the possible former ephemeral stream channel.

The relatively deeper-screened piezometers PZ-39 and PZ-47 exhibited a longer, larger, and smoother response to seasonal recharge than did other, shallower piezometers (Graphs 4-12 and 4-15). Water levels in piezometer PZ-39 increased much more in 2016 than in 2015. Piezometer PZ-47 was virtually dry in 2014 and 2015. The first substantial water-level increase (about 3 feet) in piezometer PZ-47 began in late May 2016. Water levels in these piezometers appear to be independent of stream flow or individual precipitation events and may be related to deeper, seasonal groundwater recharge and, in warmer weather, the cumulative influence of precipitation events.

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Although piezometers generally had significantly higher water levels in 2016 than in previous years, piezometers do not have sufficient horizontal distribution to contour the potentiometric surface in this area because they are mostly located in a line along the base of the slope to the southwest. Water levels from shallow drive-point piezometers are thought to represent shallow infiltration and should not be contoured with deeper piezometers that represent the groundwater regime in the Upper Tributary area. The deep piezometers PZ-39 and PZ-47, have screen intervals below mine waste and should not be contoured with the mid-depth piezometer data. Of the remaining piezometers with usable water levels, piezometers PZ-44, PZ-45, PZ-50, and PZ-55 are essentially located in a line along the western edge of mine waste beneath Ponds 2N and 2S. The locations of these piezometers are strongly constrained by topography and the pond footprints.

6.0 CONCEPTUAL HYDROLOGIC UNDERSTANDING FOR THE UPPER TRIBUTARY AREA

The following interpretations are based on precipitation, stream flow, and groundwater-level data collected on the Upper Tributary and around Ponds 2N and 2S.

- Stream flow is primarily dominated by spring snowmelt runoff and there is little groundwater recharge or baseflow at least in the lower portion of the Upper Tributary. During dry years (e.g., 2015), summer storms generally have little impact on stream flow in the Upper Tributary area of the site; many summer storms produced little or no measureable stream flow. The impact of summer storms on stream flow is much greater after a wet winter such as in 2016.
- There is relatively little groundwater or groundwater recharge along the Upper Tributary. Water-level increases in shallow drive-point piezometer were not much different in 2016, after a relatively wetter winter, than in 2015, a very dry year until fall. Shallow groundwater in drive-point piezometers may be more closely related to shallow infiltration and localized saturated conditions than to the deeper and more continuous groundwater flow regime measured by conventional piezometers.
- A connection between stream flow and groundwater levels is generally weak or absent. There appears to be generally very limited groundwater recharge from the Upper Tributary. Other than during spring runoff, when flow increases significantly downstream because of surface runoff, the creek is not strongly gaining or losing in the lower reach near the piezometers. The reach between stations SF-01 and SF-02 is generally a losing reach, with a mean loss of approximately 7.3 gpm. The reach between stations SF-2 and SF-03 is a gaining reach with a mean gain of approximately 10 gpm.
- As described above, shallow groundwater in drive-point piezometers may be more closely related to shallow infiltration and localized saturated conditions than to the deeper and more continuous groundwater flow regime measured using conventional piezometers. Groundwater levels measured in conventional piezometers appear to

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be more strongly influenced by seasonal recharge than shallow groundwater as measured in drive-point piezometers. Many, but not all, conventional piezometers had substantially higher groundwater levels in 2016 than previous years. Cumulative summer storms also appeared to influence groundwater levels after a relatively wetter winter when soil moisture was likely higher than in previous years.

Water levels in deep piezometers PZ-39 and PZ-47 increased substantially for the first time in the water year 2015/2016. This increase appears to be related to seasonal recharge and cumulative precipitation recharge, and unrelated to individual precipitation events. In normal or wetter water years, limited amounts of groundwater may migrate through shallow mine waste with the potential to interact with mine waste beneath Ponds 2N and 2S.

7.0 SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

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The following broad conclusions summarize results and interpretations (based on precipitation, stream flow, and groundwater-level data from the Upper Tributary) and attempt to answer the questions posed concerning treatability study objectives in Section 2.0

Monitoring data collected in the Upper Tributary area before 2016 are of limited use for meeting the study objectives outlined in Section 2.0 because so little flows occurred prior to 2016 and water-level conditions were in many locations too low to collect reliable information on temporal changes in groundwater levels and develop a broader understanding of groundwater flow conditions in the Upper Tributary area. The current dataset through mid-2016 provides a more useful dataset but is of relatively short duration; however, a few relationships are evident as listed below.

- Stream flow is controlled primarily by seasonal recharge from snowmelt and to a lesser extent by summer storms, especially after a wet spring.
- Groundwater is not strongly connected to stream flow.
- There is relatively little shallow groundwater presence even during a wet spring as indicated by water-level measurements in drive-point piezometers. Groundwater levels in conventional piezometers screened in the deeper more continuous groundwater flow regime are more strongly recharged by spring snowmelt where surface conditions (e.g., topography and soil characteristics) are conducive to infiltration.
- Data are not sufficient to quantify dissolved metals flux into downgradient groundwater, the Upper Tributary, or Leviathan Creek.
- Existing data are not sufficient to estimate groundwater flux from the Upper Tributary watershed with a reasonable degree of certainty.

Results specific to the treatability study objectives outlined in Section 2.0 are presented below.

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What volume of surface water enters the subsurface at the mine site year-round through the Upper Tributary?

The volume of surface water that may enter the subsurface is complex and location related. Mean stream-flow losses (when the stream is flowing) between flow measurement stations SF-01 and SF-02 are about 7 gpm in 2016. However, mean stream-flow gains between station SF-02 and SF-03 are about 10 gpm. If all the losses between stations SF-01 and SF-02 contribute to the gains between stations SF-02 and SF-03, there is no apparent net stream recharge to the aquifer and an apparent mean net loss of about 3 gpm. However, not all of the stream loss between stations SF-01 and SF-02 necessarily contributes to the gains between stations SF-02 and SF-03, so there may have been some stream recharge to the aquifer within a range of 0 to 7 gpm based on mean streamflow measurements collected through May 31, 2016.

What volume of surface water is lost or gained upstream of the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel?

As stated above, mean 2016 stream-flow gains between stations SF-02 and SF-3 are about 10 gpm, making it a gaining reach for all measurements after March 6.

What volume of water, if any, leaks out or leaks into the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel?

An unknown portion of stream-flow gains between stations SF-02 and SF-03 may be caused by sheet flow/surface runoff during the spring melt. If this amount was zero, then the entire mean gain of 10 gpm in this reach would be leaking through the concrete liner into the stream channel.

What volume of non-impacted surface water flows through the concrete-lined Upper Tributary channel and is discharged to Leviathan Creek?

Mean measured flow at station SF-03 is near the end of the concrete-lined channel at the confluence with Leviathan Creek. Mean daily flows were approximately 0.115 cfs (51.4 gpm) in 2016 although mean daily flow ranged from zero to around 1 cfs (450 gpm).

What is the nature and magnitude of surface water/groundwater interaction in the Upper Tributary where it contacts mine waste beneath Ponds 2S and 2N?

Two conventional piezometers are screened across the mine waste/native soil contact: PZ-39 and PZ-47. In 2016 groundwater levels in piezometer PZ-39 rose more than 7 feet and for the first time, more than 2 feet in piezometer PZ-47. Groundwater-level changes in these deeper piezometers appear to be driven by regional, spring recharge from snowmelt, and cumulative recharge events (e.g., several summer storms closely spaced in time) with little connection to individual precipitation events.

Is groundwater flowing at the mine waste/native materials interface beneath Ponds 2S and 2N? As described above, there was groundwater recharge along the mine waste/native soil interface in 2016 implying that there is groundwater flow at the interface. There were also increases in groundwater levels in several piezometers screened only in mine waste (i.e., PZ-45, PZ-50, PZ-54, and PZ-55), indicating groundwater recharge and/or flow through mine waste. Except for piezometer PZ-55, these changes were less than 1 foot.

If there is no interfacial flow, what are the possible sources of groundwater entering surface water or groundwater within or adjacent to Leviathan Creek from the Upper Tributary watershed?

Groundwater levels in piezometer PZ-39 and PZ-47 are 60 feet or more below water levels in other piezometers along Leviathan Creek. Given this amount of hydraulic separation, it seems highly unlikely that this deeper groundwater is discharging to Leviathan Creek. Shallow groundwater as measured in drive-point piezometers is presumed to be the source of water entering the concrete-lined channel between stations SF-02 and SF-03 along with possible surficial (sheet) flow during spring snowmelt.

If groundwater is flowing at the interface, can it be feasibly controlled and/or intercepted?

Based on water-level responses in piezometers screened across the interface between mine waste and native materials, groundwater is presumably within the mine waste and/or the native materials. In the 2015-2016 wet season, the relatively greater amount of precipitation apparently contributed to increased infiltration into mine waste within a few of the piezometers in the Upper Tributary area. The volume of water moving through mine waste and the total volume of groundwater flowing from the Upper Tributary watershed to the west toward the Leviathan Creek study area is not currently quantifiable given the relatively short duration of reliable water-level measurements in this area. Additional monitoring data from periods of higher precipitation such as those observed in 2015-2016 would provide longer-term water-level data allowing for estimation of hydraulic gradients and the calculation of groundwater fluxes.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Atlantic Richfield makes the following recommendations:

- Continue monitoring water levels and stream flow in the vicinity of the Upper Tributary to obtain data under wetter conditions or consecutive wetter years if possible.
- Incorporate reporting of monitoring data collected in the Upper Tributary area into future submittals of the Groundwater Water Technical Data Summary Report and eliminate preparing a separate report. The Groundwater Technical Data Summary Report will provide a more comprehensive presentation of the conceptual model of groundwater flow at the site including a broader evaluation of surface water and groundwater interaction.

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TABLES



TABLE 3-1 SURFACE WATER FLOW MEASUREMENT STATION ELEVATIONS

Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

Flow Station ID ¹	Northing ² (feet)	Easting ² (feet)	Top of Weir Plate Elevation ³ (fmsl)	Bottom of V- Notch Elevation ³ (fmsl)
SF-01	2025907.20	7228716.31	7053.01	7052.01
SF-02	2025979.86	7228756.50	7040.63	7039.63
SF-03	2026581.24	7229603.73	7036.12	7035.12

Note(s)

- 1. Locations shown on Figure 3-1
- Horizontal coordinates were surveyed by AMEC and reference NAD83.
- 3. Elevation surveyed by Summit and reference NGVD29.

Abbreviation(s)

fmsl = feet above mean sea level
NAD83 = North American Datum of 1983
NGVD29 = National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929
Summit = Summit Engineering Corporation



TABLE 3-2 DRIVE-POINT PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION DETAILS Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

Drive Point Piezometer ID ¹	Date Installed	Total Depth (ft btoc)	Total Depth (ft bgs)	Stick up (ft ags)	Casing Diameter (inches)	Screen Diameter (inches)	Depth to Top of Screen (ft bgs)	Depth To Bottom of Screen (ft bgs)	Screen Length (feet)	Depth to Transducer Sensor (ft btoc)	Depth to Transducer Sensor (ft bgs)	Northing ² (feet)	Easting ² (feet)	TOC Elevation ² (ft msl)
DPZ-01	10/26/2012	6.8	2.9	4.0	1	0.75	2.4	2.9	0.5	6.0	2.1	2025884.39	7228693.19	7062.99
DPZ-02	10/31/2012	6.8	1.6	5.2 ³	1	0.75	1.1	1.6	0.5	6.1	0.8	2025889.70	7228691.82	7063.55
DPZ-03	10/25/2012	6.7	1.7	5.0	1	0.75	1.2	1.7	0.5	6.1	1.1	2025894.15	7228707.15	7059.16
DPZ-04	10/25/2012	6.9	3.9	3.0	1	0.75	3.4	3.9	0.5	6.1	3.1	2025964.94	7228746.48	7045.12
DPZ-05	10/25/2012	3.8	2.3	1.5	1	0.75	1.8	2.3	0.5	3.1	1.5	2025968.81	7228742.75	7043.98
DPZ-06	10/25/2012	6.8	4.8	2.0	1	0.75	4.3	4.8	0.5	6.1	4.1	2025969.32	7228749.86	7044.04

- Note(s)

 1. Locations shown on Figure 3-1.

 2. Horizontal coordinates and elevations were surveyed by Summit and reference NAD83 and NGVD29, respectively.

 3. Measurement is approximate.

Abbreviation(s)

ft msl = feet above mean sea level

ft ags = feet above ground surface

ft bgs = feet below ground surface

ft btoc = feet below top of casing

NAD83 = North American Datum of 1983

NGVD29 = National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929

Summit = Summit Engineering Corporation

TOC = top of casing

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TABLE 3-3 PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

Boring ID	Piezometer ID ¹	Date Piezometer Completed	Boring Total Depth (ft bgs)	Boring Diameter (inches)	Piezometer Total Depth (ft bgs) ²	Piezometer Diameter (inches)	Depth to Top of Screen (ft bgs)	Depth To Bottom of Screen (ft bgs)	Screen Length (feet)	Depth to Top of Filter Pack (ft bgs)	Depth To Bottom of Filter Pack (ft bgs)	Filter Pack Length (feet)	Northing ³ (feet)	Easting ³ (feet)	TOC Elevation ³ (fmsl)	Surface Elevation ³ (fmsl)	Transducer Elevation (fmsl)
B-39	PZ-39	10/14/2011	128.0	6	108.3	2	103.2	107.8	4.60	100.3	108.8	8.5	2026449.74	7228803.51	7040.79	7041.02	6940.79
B-65	PZ-44	9/28/2012	45.0	6	26.6	2	21.5	26.0	4.48	21.0	26.5	5.5	2026608.33	7228363.51	7040.76	7041.14	7014.46
B-65S	PZ-45	10/2/2012	25.0	6	13.9	2	8.9	13.4	4.50	6.9	14.5	7.6	2026617.07	7228354.98	7040.79	7041.10	7027.39
B-67	PZ-47	10/15/2012	141.0	6	97.0	2	87.0	96.6	9.54	84.0	97.0	13.0	2026782.46	7228641.14	7040.95	7041.42	6945.67
B-63	PZ-49	10/18/2012	38.0	6	37.8	2	32.8	37.3	4.50	31.0	38.0	7.0	2026329.16	7228617.19	7041.09	7041.37	7003.89
B-63S	PZ-50	10/19/2012	28.5	6	26.2	2	21.1	25.7	4.60	19.0	26.9	7.9	2026337.86	7228614.49	7041.07	7041.32	7015.47
B-61	PZ-51	10/19/2012	38.5	6	27.1	2	22.1	26.6	4.50	20.0	28.2	8.2	2026037.03	7228802.34	7040.83	7041.22	7014.43
B-62	PZ-52	10/26/2012	22.5	6	12.1	2	7.1	11.6	4.52	5.0	13.0	8.0	2026174.67	7228713.15	7041.13	7041.44	7029.63
B-64	PZ-53	10/26/2012	38.0	6	34.7	2	29.7	34.2	4.50	27.5	35.5	8.0	2026555.98	7228433.12	7040.81	7041.11	7006.61
B-64S	PZ-54	10/29/2012	23.0	6	20.6	2	10.6	20.1	9.50	8.0	21.0	13.0	2026560.75	7228425.60	7040.75	7041.12	7020.75
B-66	P7-55	10/30/2012	27.5	6	22.0	2	60	21.4	14.53	5.1	22.0	16.9	2026248 01	7229014.65	7041.05	7041.27	7010.55

- Note(s)

 1. Locations shown on Figure 3-1

 2. Measurements relative to ground surface predate construction of surface completion and are not surveyed.

 3. Horizontal coordinates and elevations were surveyed by Summit and reference NAD83 and NGVD29, respectively.

 4. Elevations were surveyed by Summit and reference NGVD29.

Abbreviation(s)

ft bgs = feet below ground surface
fmsl = feet above mean sea level (NGVD29)
NAD83 = North American Datum of 1983
NGVD29 = National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929
Summit = Summit Engineering Corporation
TOC = top of casing

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TABLE 4-1 MAXIMUM WATER-LEVEL CHANGES IN 2015 AND 2016

Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

	Total Depth	Depth to Top of Screen	Depth To Bottom of Screen	Screen Length	Screened	Maximum Mean Daily Water- Level Change ¹ (feet)		
Piezometer	(ft bgs)			Lithology	2015	2016		
DPZ-01	2.9	2.4	2.9	0.5	NS	dry	0.30	
DPZ-02	1.6	1.1	1.6	0.5	NS	0.13	0.22	
DPZ-03	1.7	1.2	1.7	0.5	NS	dry	0.66	
DPZ-04	3.9	3.4	3.9	0.5	NS	0.46	0.68	
DPZ-05	2.3	1.8	2.3	0.5	NS	dry	NA	
DPZ-06	4.8	4.3	4.8	0.5	NS	0.42	0.49	
PZ-39	128.0	103.2	107.8	4.6	MW/NS	1.10	7.36	
PZ-44	45.0	21.5	26.0	4.48	NS	0.49	0.99	
PZ-45	25.0	8.9	13.4	4.50	MW	0.82	5.44	
PZ-47	141.0	87.0	96.6	9.54	MW/NS	0.03	2.10	
PZ-49	38.0	32.8	37.3	4.50	BR	0.08	0.06	
PZ-50	28.5	21.1	25.7	4.60	MW	0.36	0.48	
PZ-51	38.5	22.1	26.6	4.50	MW	dry	dry	
PZ-52	22.5	7.1	11.6	4.52	MW	0.07	0.09	
PZ-53	38.0	29.7	34.2	4.50	со	0.34	dry	
PZ-54	23.0	10.6	20.1	9.50	MW	0.30	0.07	
PZ-55	27.5	6.9	21.4	14.53	MW	5.73	4.64	

Note(s)

1. Maximum mean daily change in water height above transducer during the year.

Abbreviation(s)

ft bgs = feet below ground surface

BR = bedrock

CO = colluvium

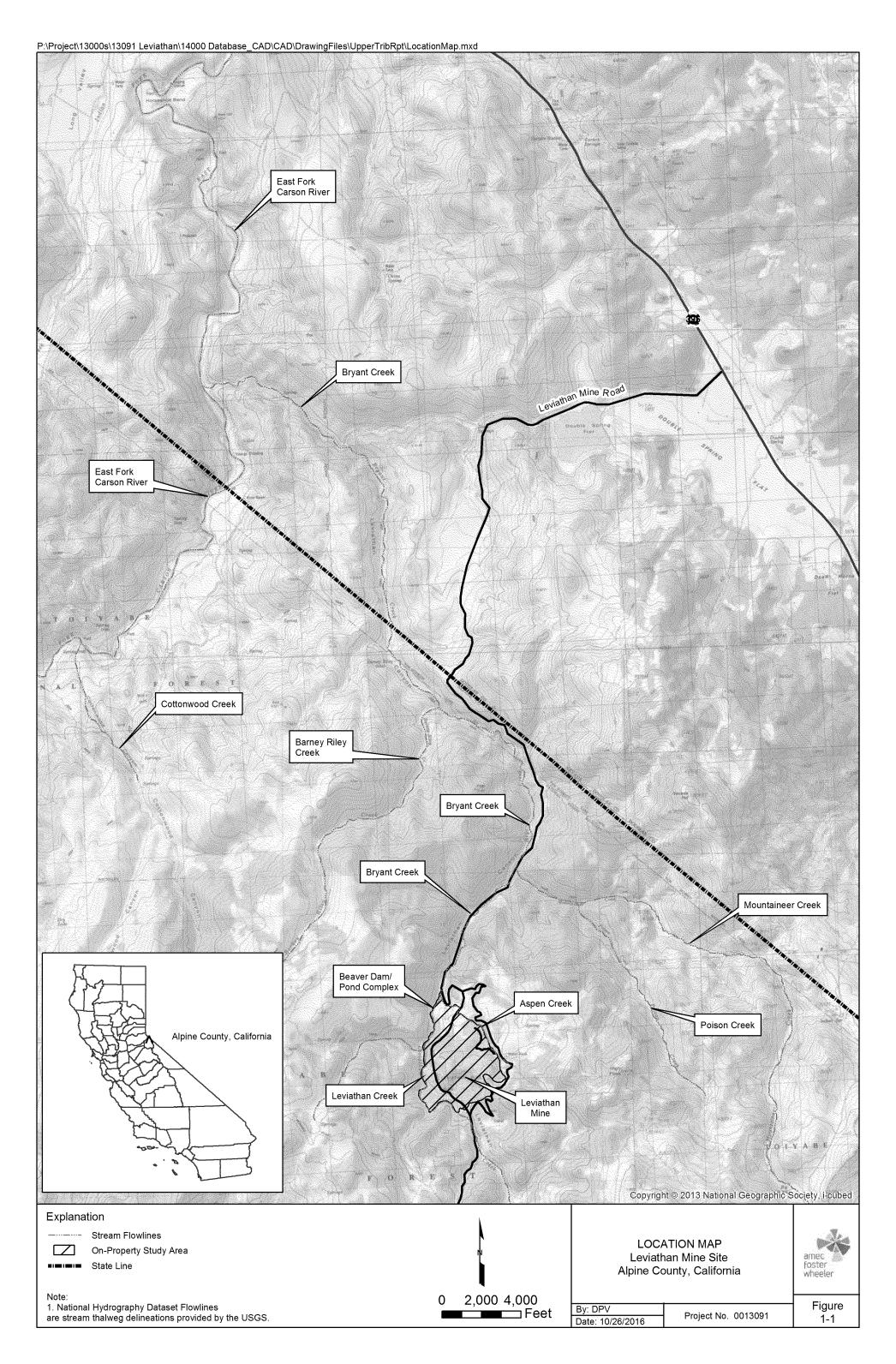
MW = mine waste

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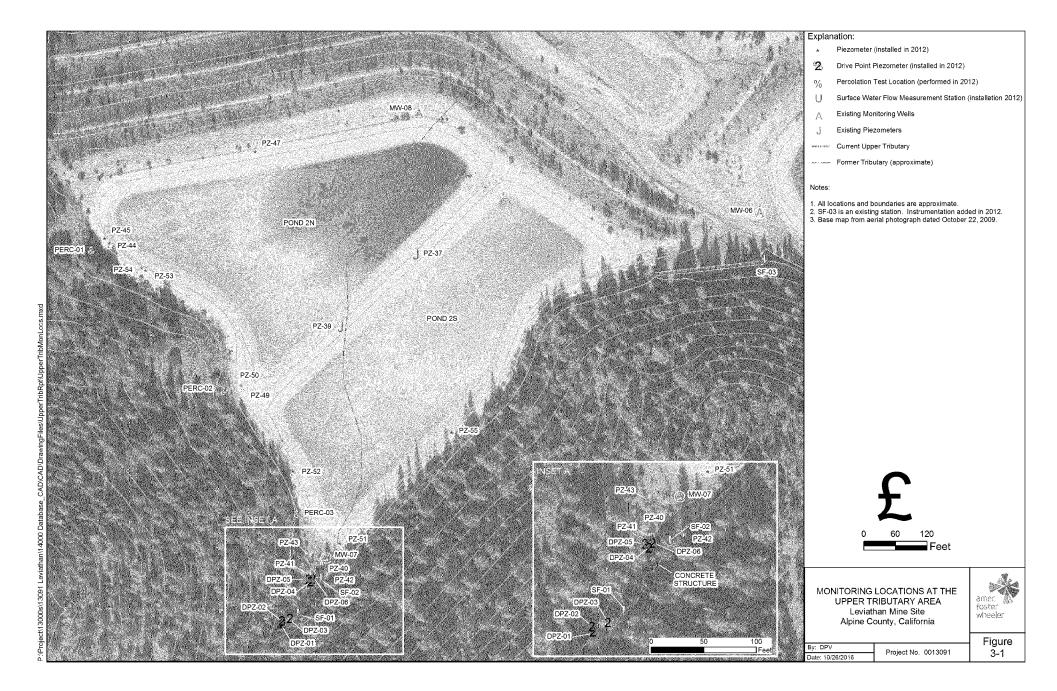
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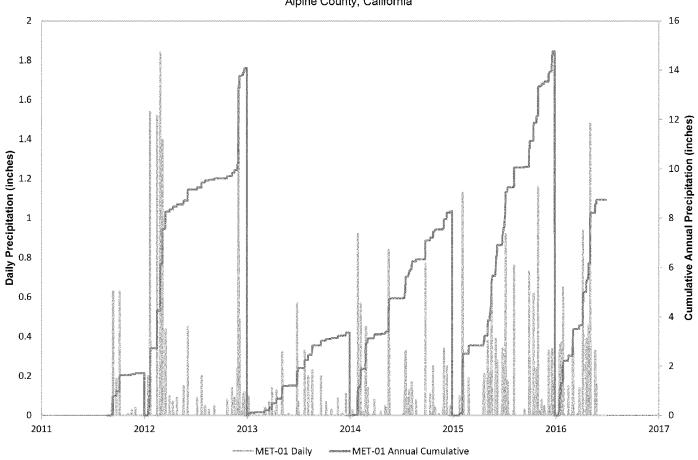




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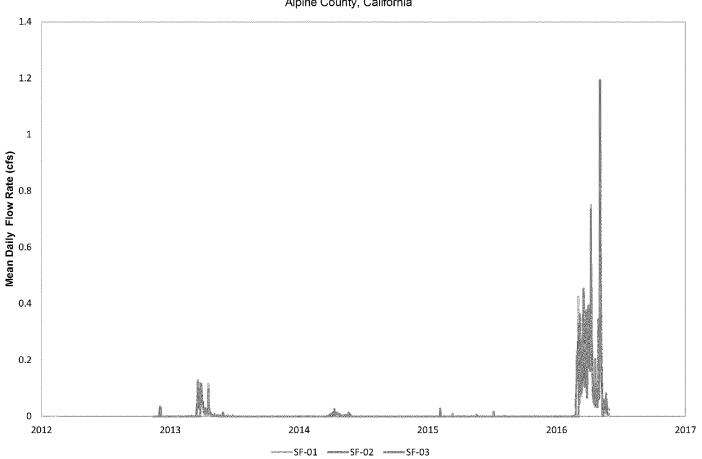


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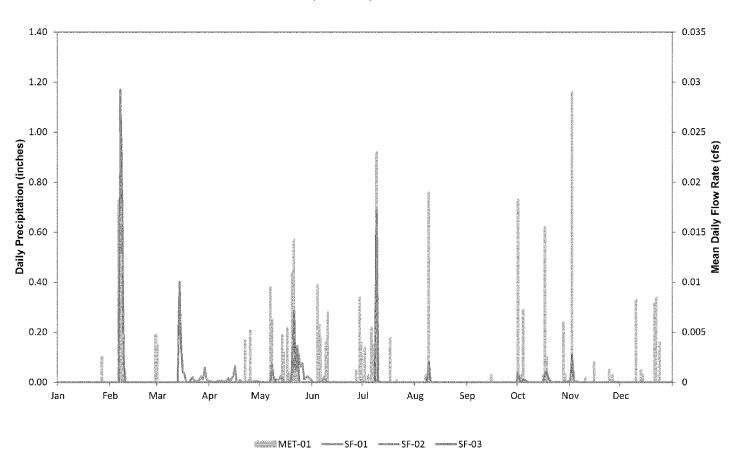
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GRAPH 4-3 2015 PRECIPITATION AND FLOW RATES

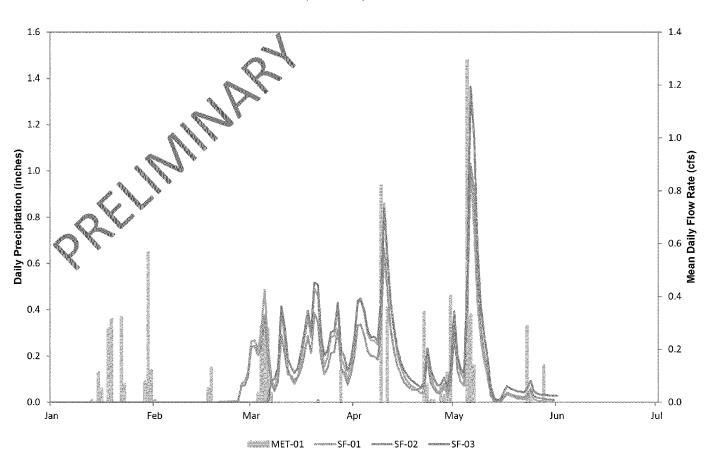
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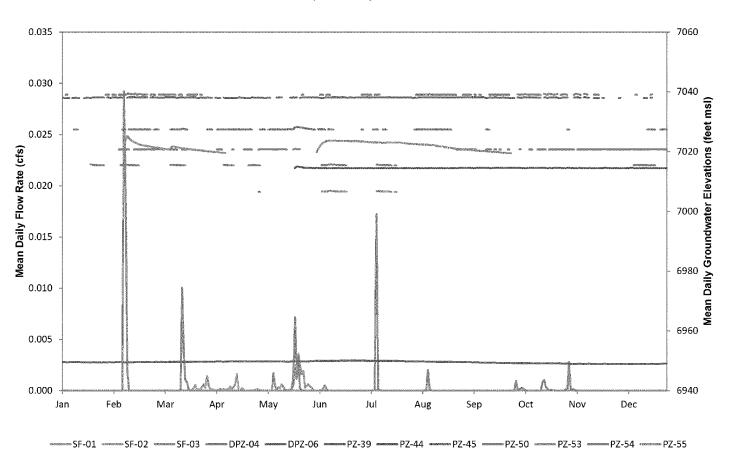
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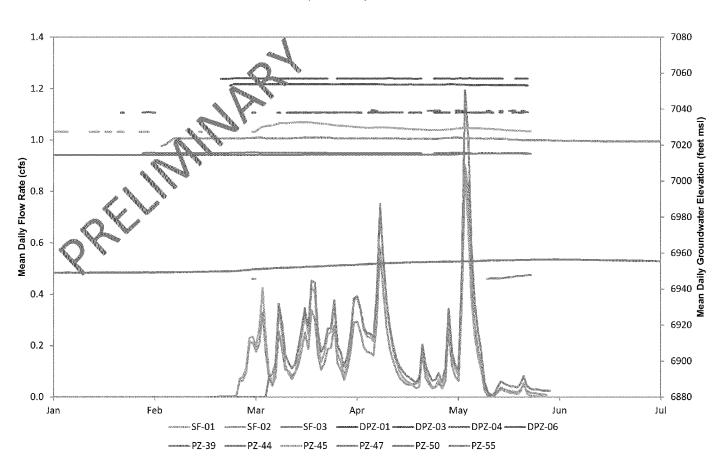
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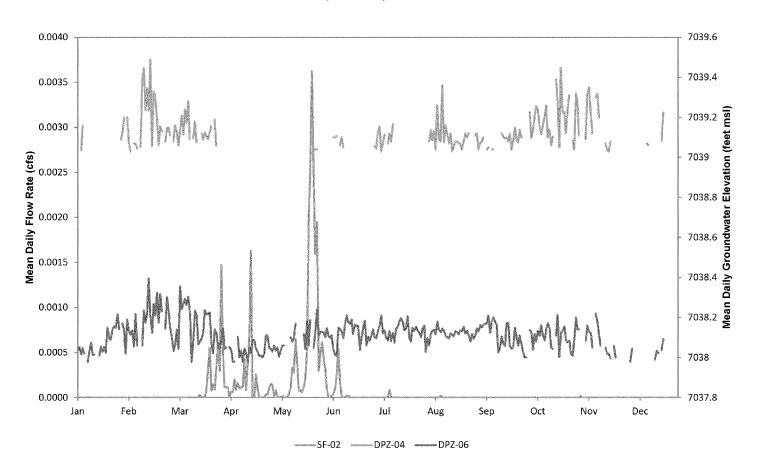
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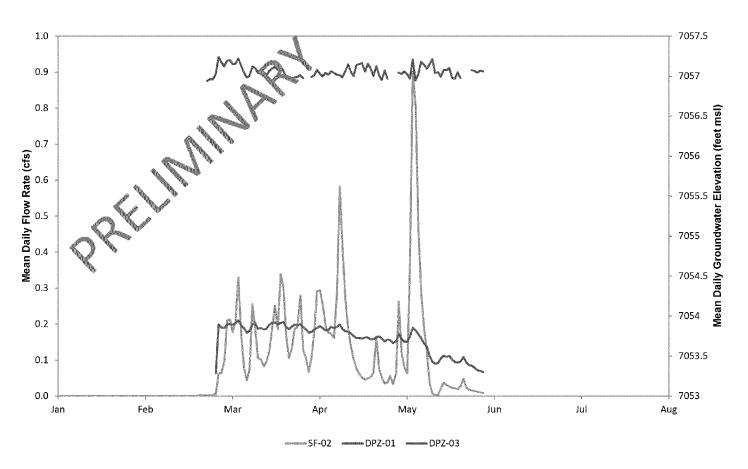
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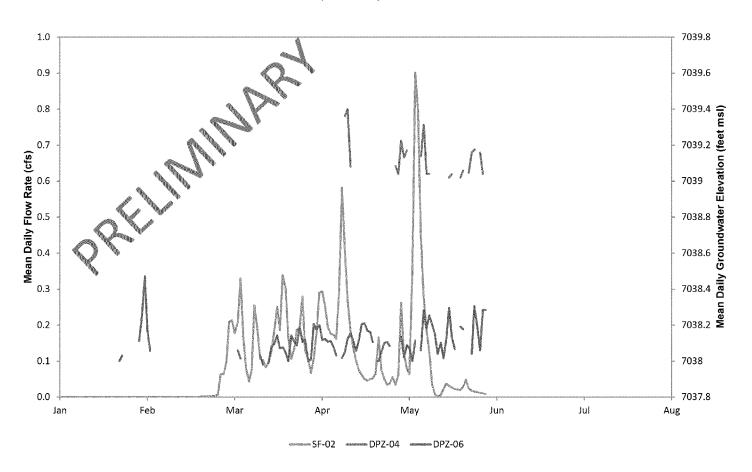
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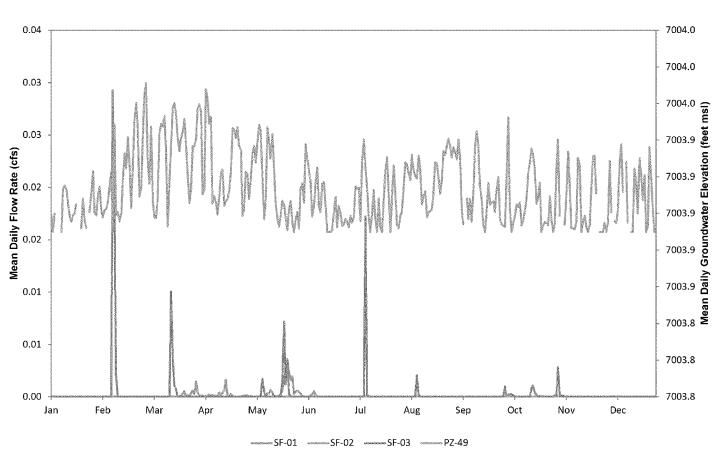
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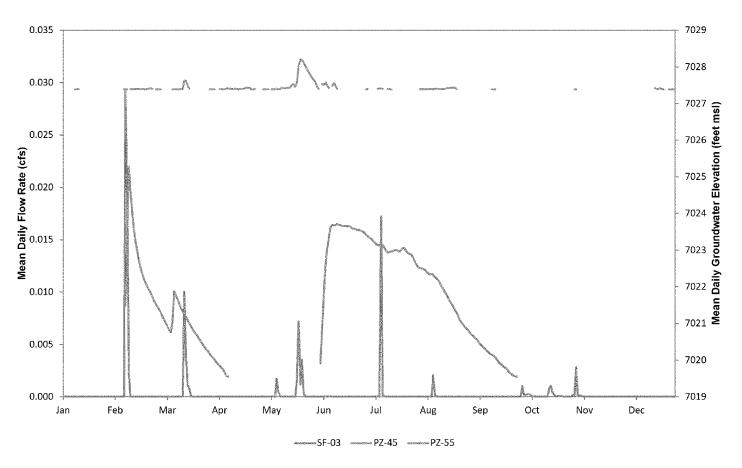
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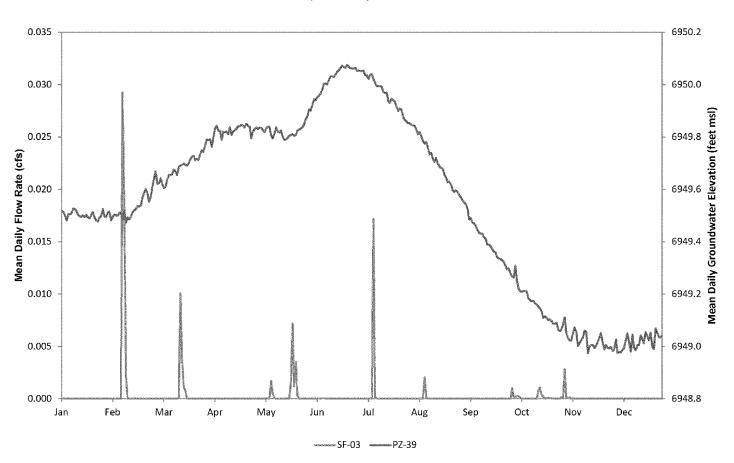
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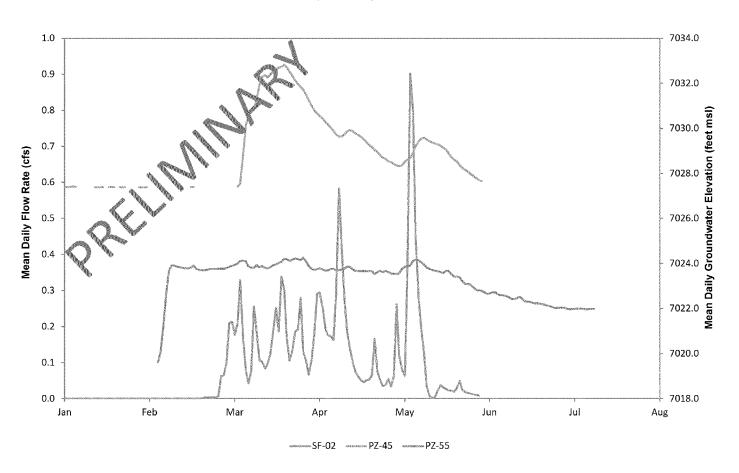
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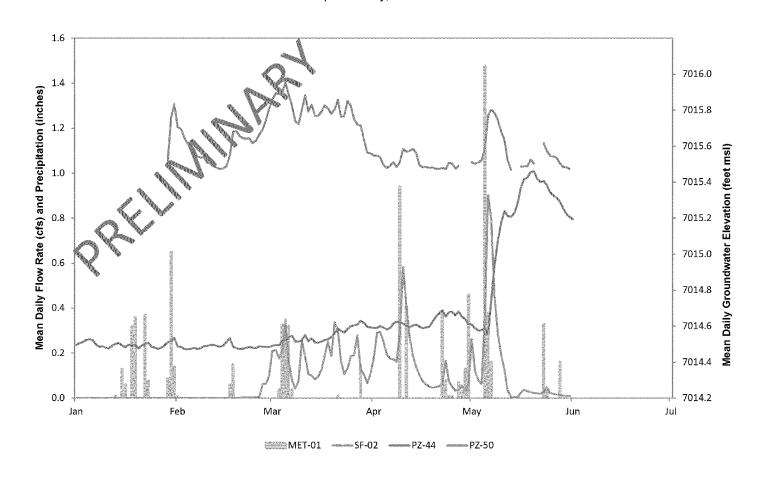
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Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California



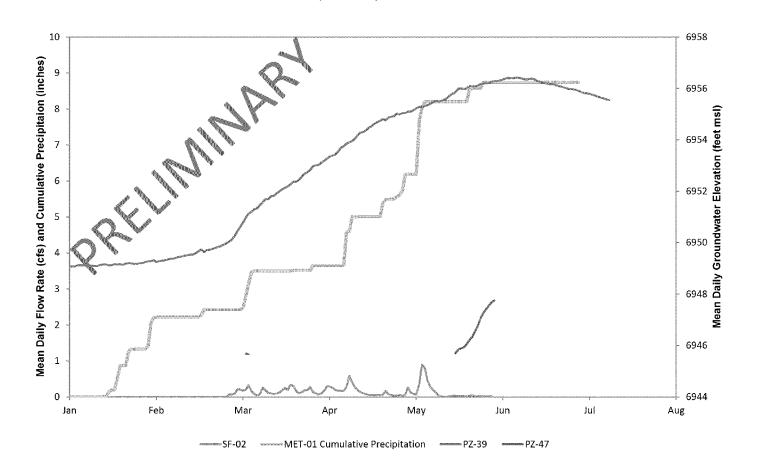


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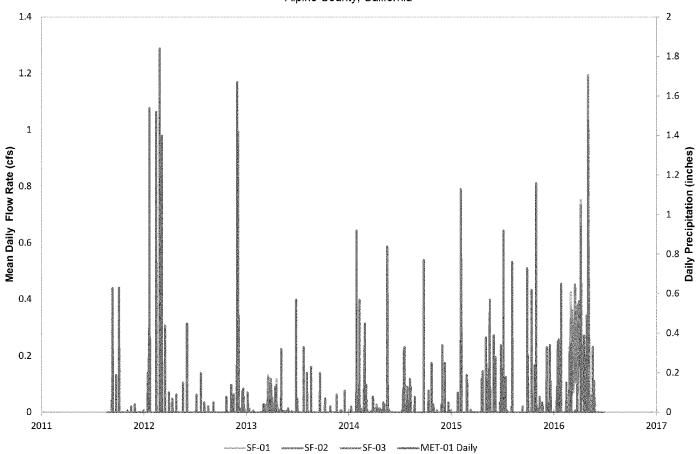


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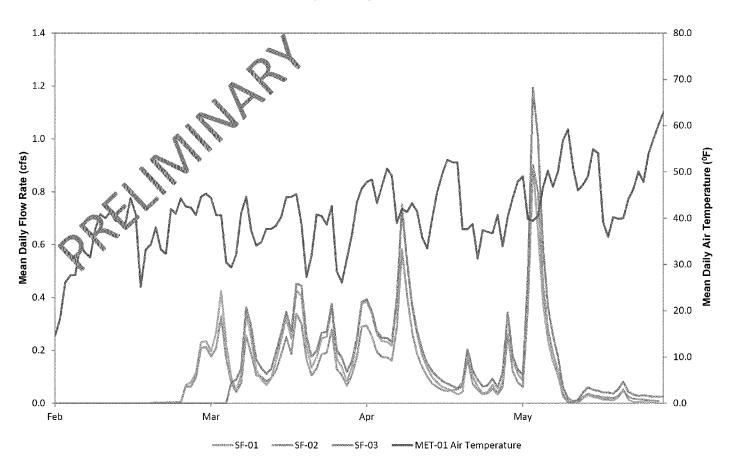
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GRAPH 5-2 2016 AIR TEMPERATURES AND FLOW RATES

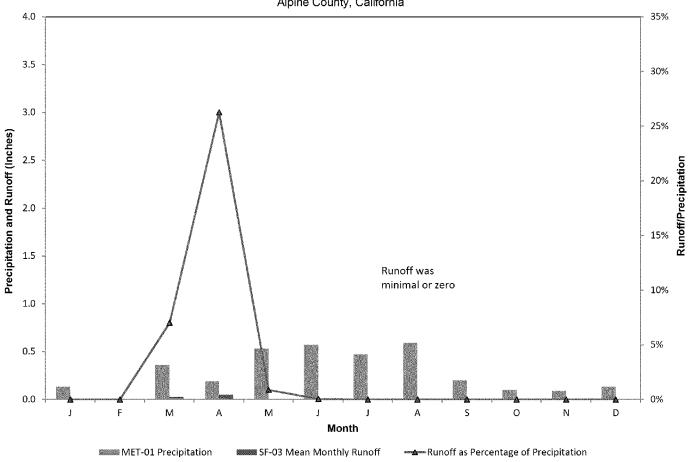
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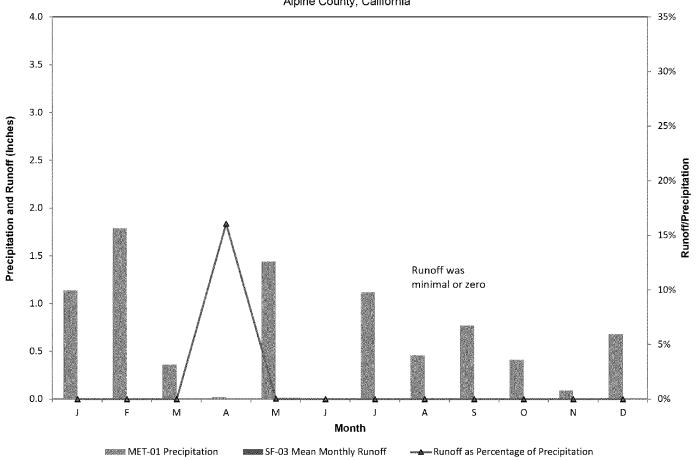


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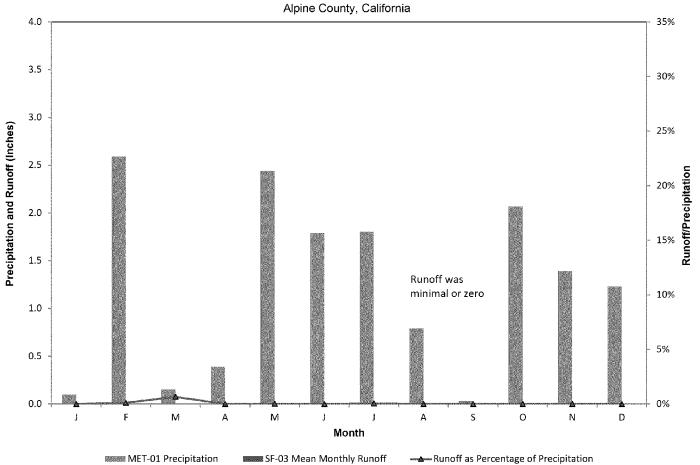
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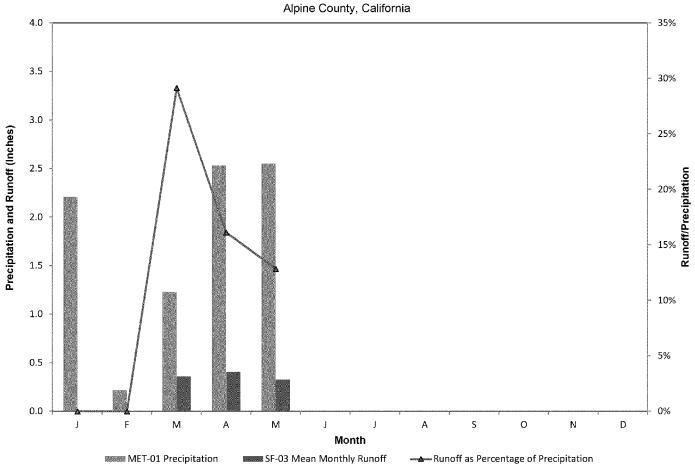
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Leviathan Mine Site



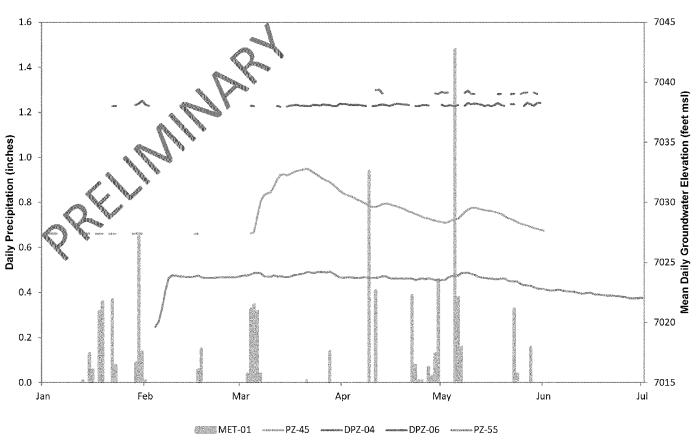


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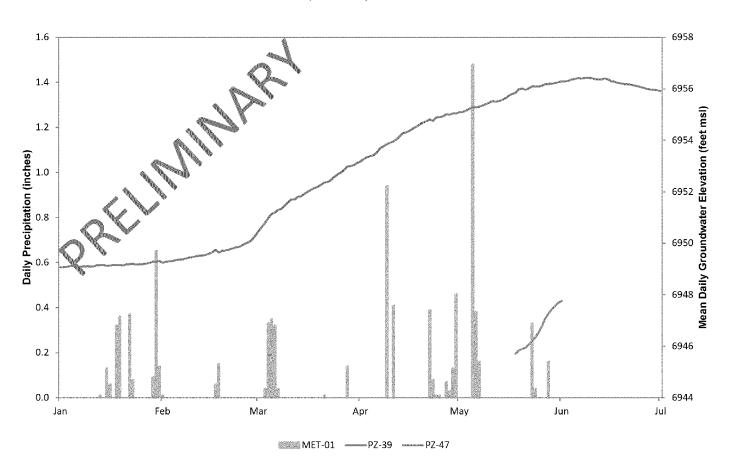


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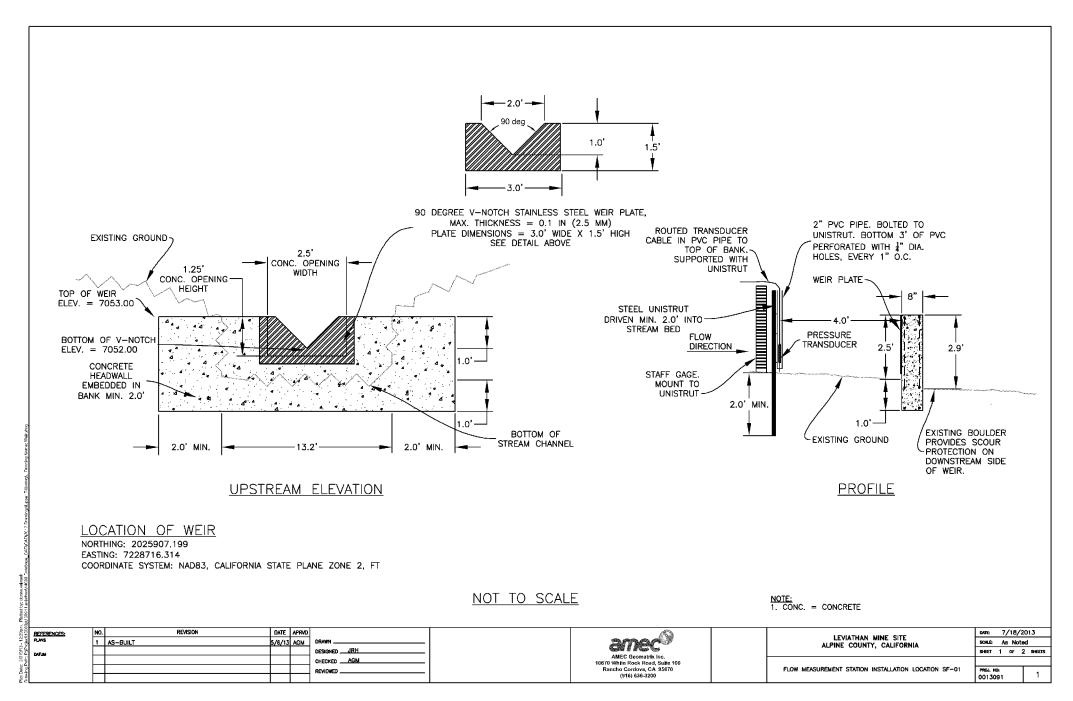
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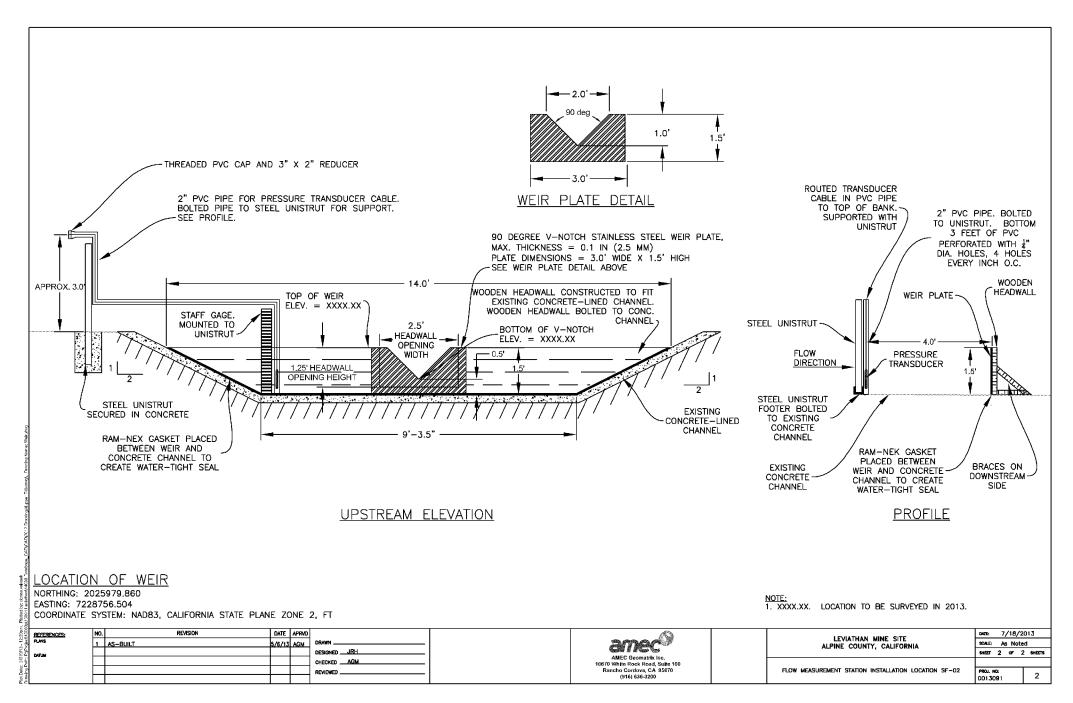


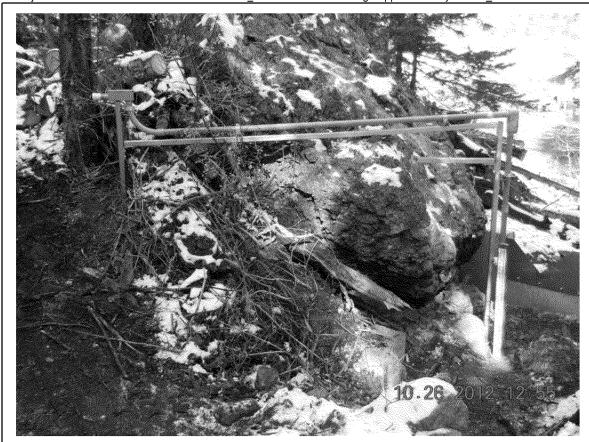


APPENDIX A

Flow Measurement Stations – Design Drawings and Photographs



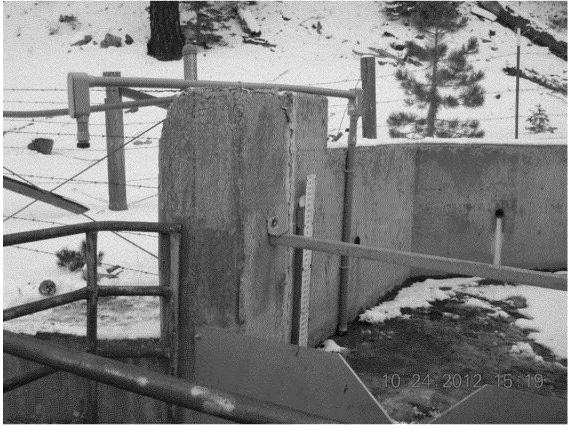




SF-01 Finished weir, staff gage, and transducer conduit (facing northeast)



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SF-03 Existing weir with new staff gage, and transducer conduit (facing southwest)

PHOTOS Leviathan Mine Site Alpine County, California

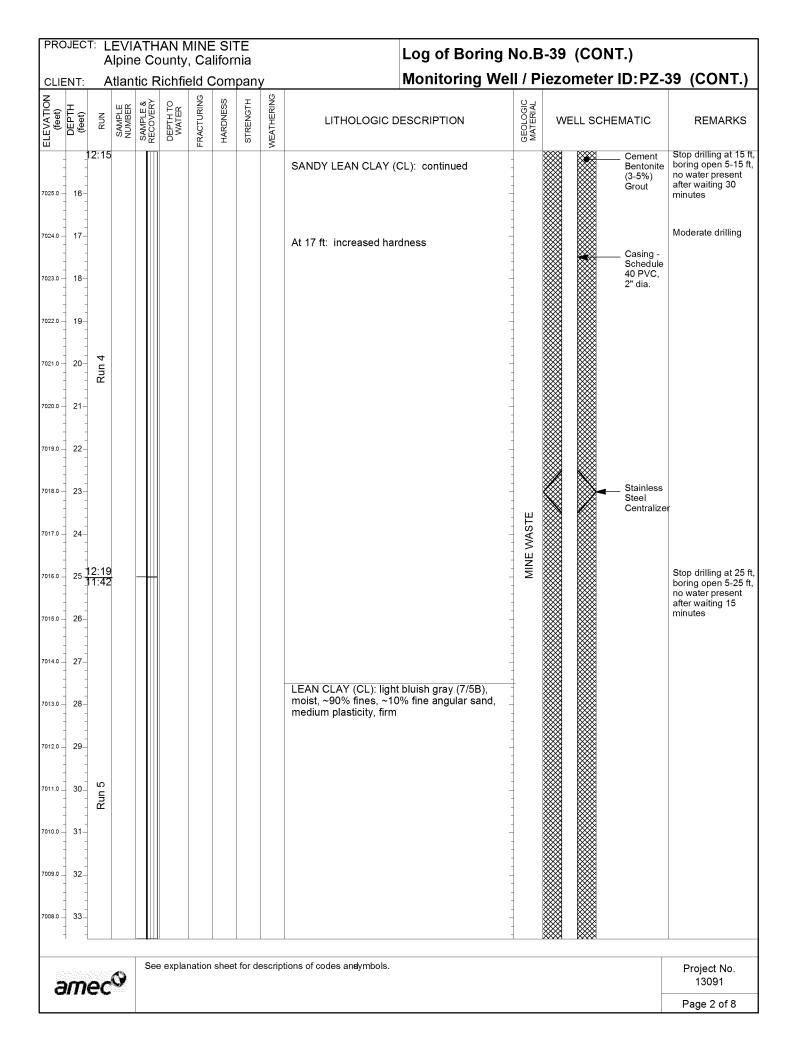
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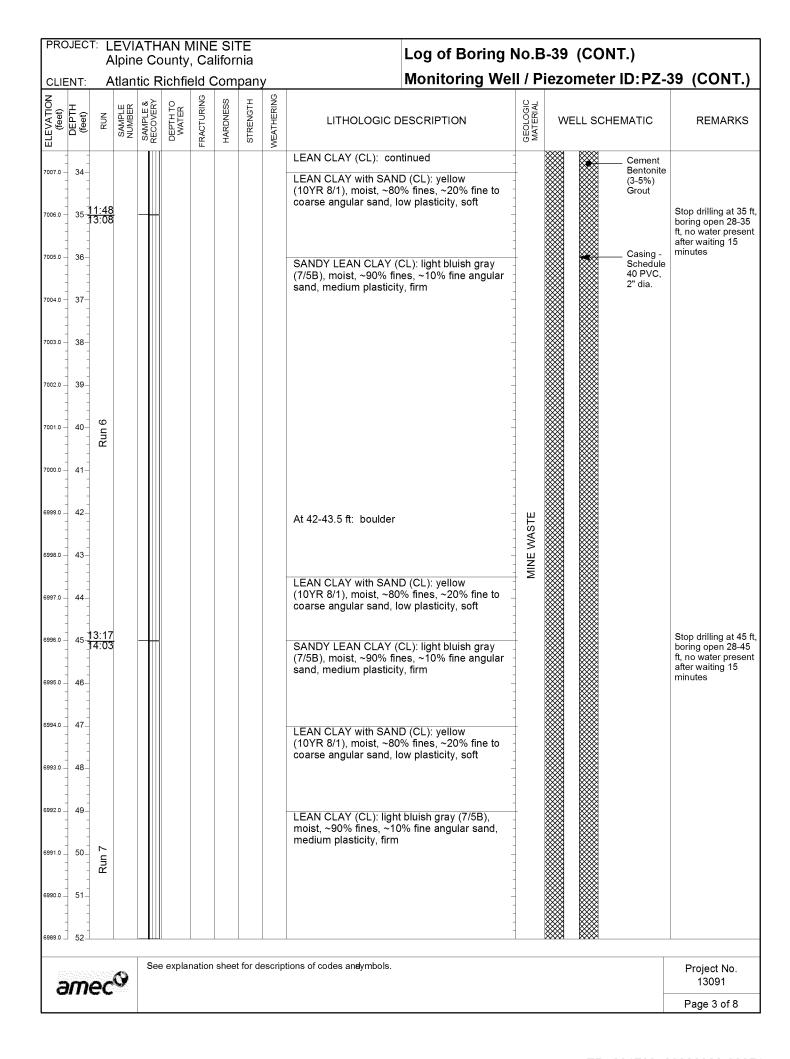


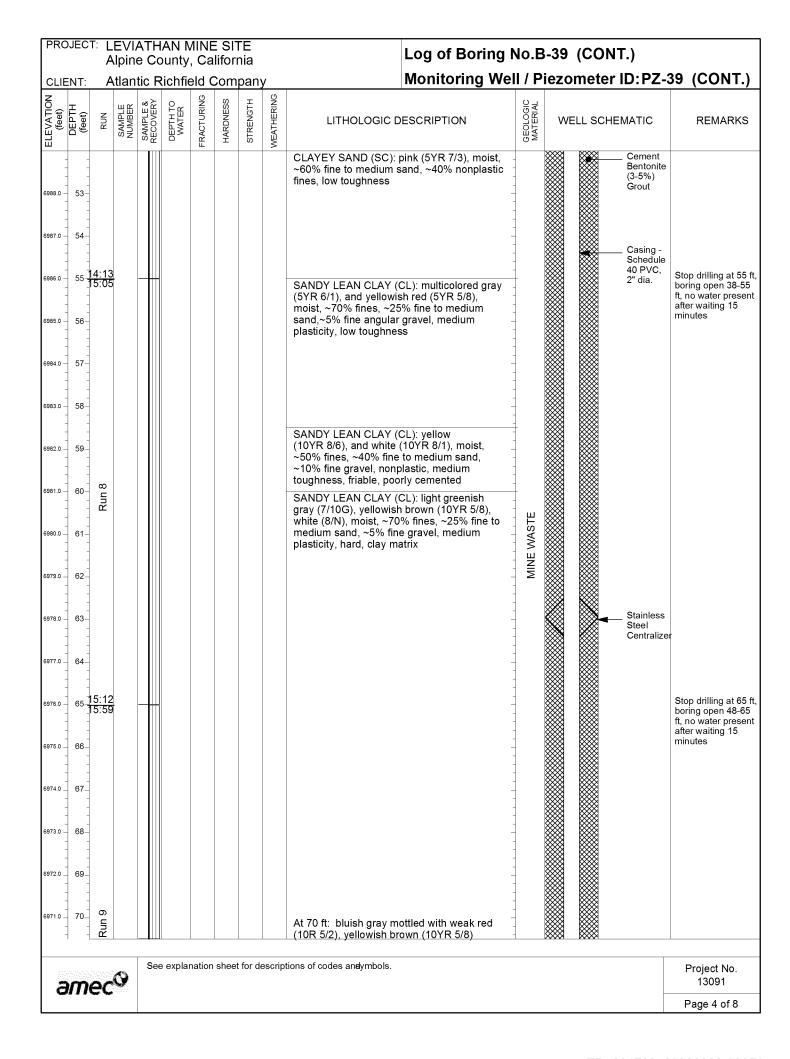
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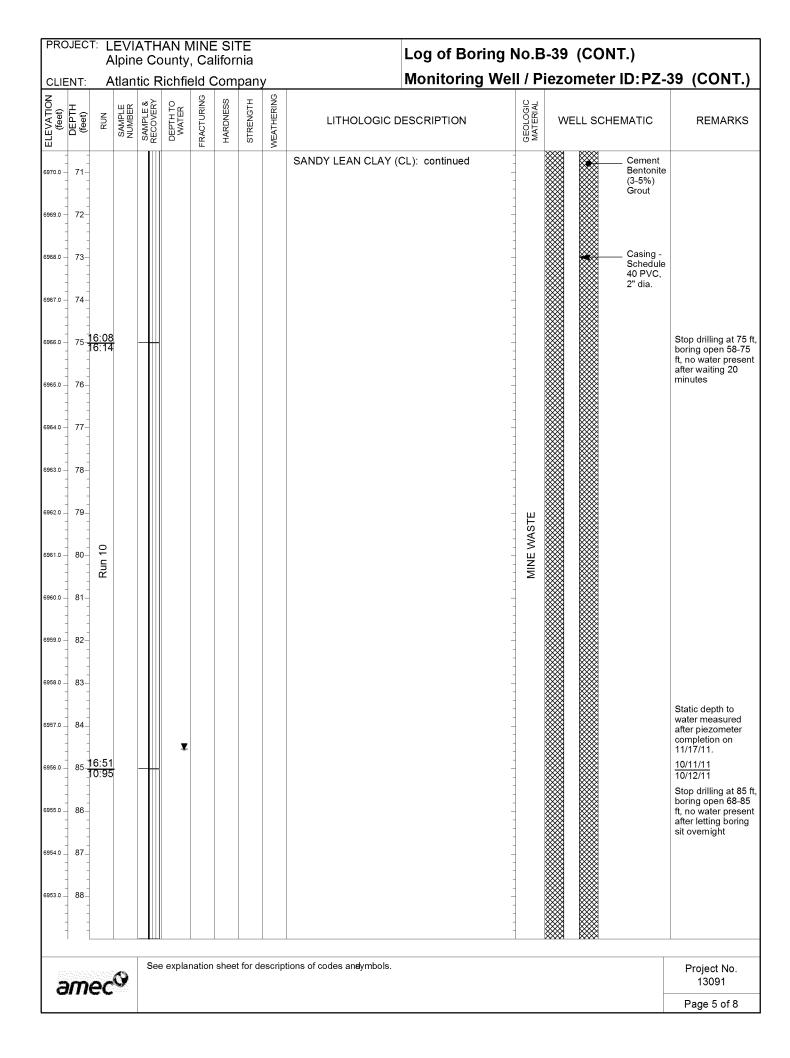
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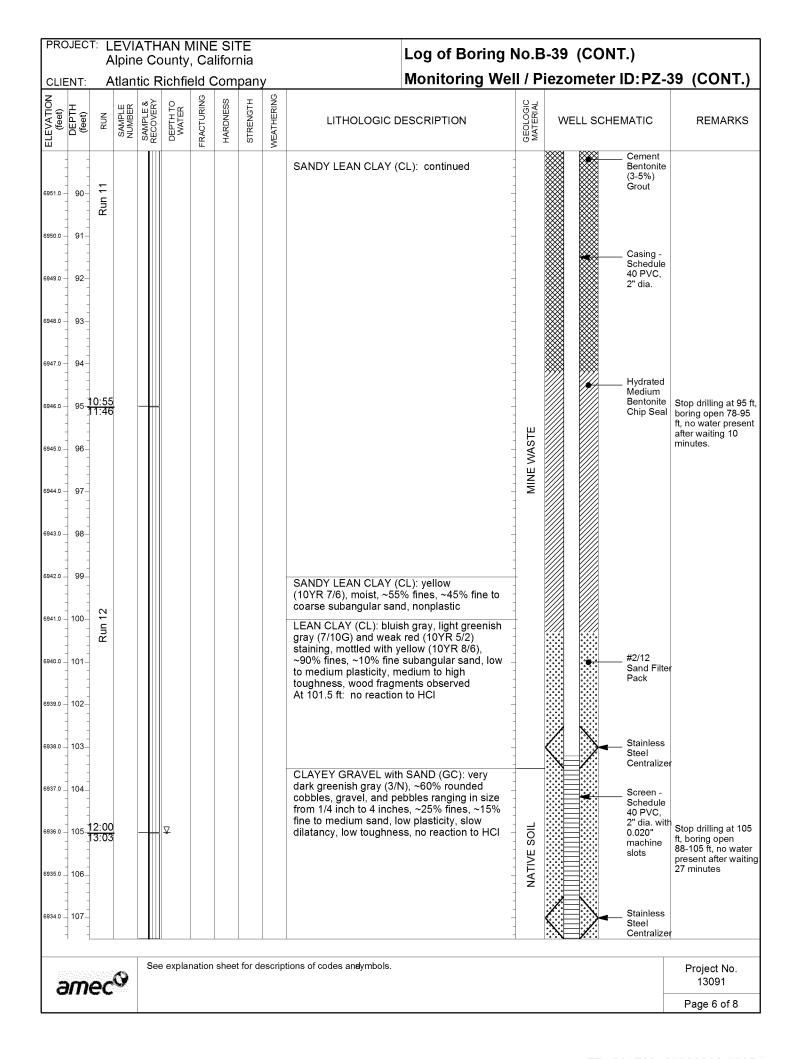
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DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Boart Longyear								DATE	STARTED:	DATE FINI	SHED:	
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Prosonic 300T								TOTA	1/2011 AL DEPTH (feet):		EASURING POINT:	
DRILLING METHOD: Sonic								128 Ground surface DEPTH TO WATER (FIRST / COMPLETION): 105 feet / 84.54 feet				
SAMPLING METHOD: 4" Sonic core tool									EEN INTERVAL (feet): 2-107.8	TOC ELEVATION (feet): 7040.79		
BOREHOLE DIAMETER: 6" (0-110') / 4" (110-128')									GED BY:	REVIEWED BY: J. Klein, PG 8341		
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(feet) DEPTH (feet) RUN SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE & RECOVERY	DEPTH TO WATER	FRACTURING	HARDNESS	STRENGTH	WEATHERING	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION		GEOLOGIC MATERIAL SO	WELL CHEMATIC	REMARKS	
7040.0 - 1-							POORLY GRADED SAND with GRAVEL (SP): pinkish gray (5YR 6/2), dry, ~80% medium to coarse sand, ~20% fine angular gravel, loose SANDY LEAN CLAY with GRAVEL (CL): multicolored brownish yellow (10YR 6/6),		Traffic Box	Begin drilling at 10:54 Easy drilling		
7039.0 — 2 — 5 — 5 — 5 — 7038.0 — 3 — 7037.0 — 4 — 7037.0 — 4 —							gray (7.5YR 5/1), and greenish gray (~65% fines, ~20% fine to coarse ang sand, ~15% fine angular gravel, low plasticity, low density	(6/10G)		Cement Bentonite (3-5%) Grout		
7036.0 5 10:56										Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia.		
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10 11:26 11:40							SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): yellow (10YR 7/6), moist, ~60% fines, ~35% coarse sand, ~5% fine gravel, low pla firm, occasional white tuff gravel-size angular fragments	asticity,				
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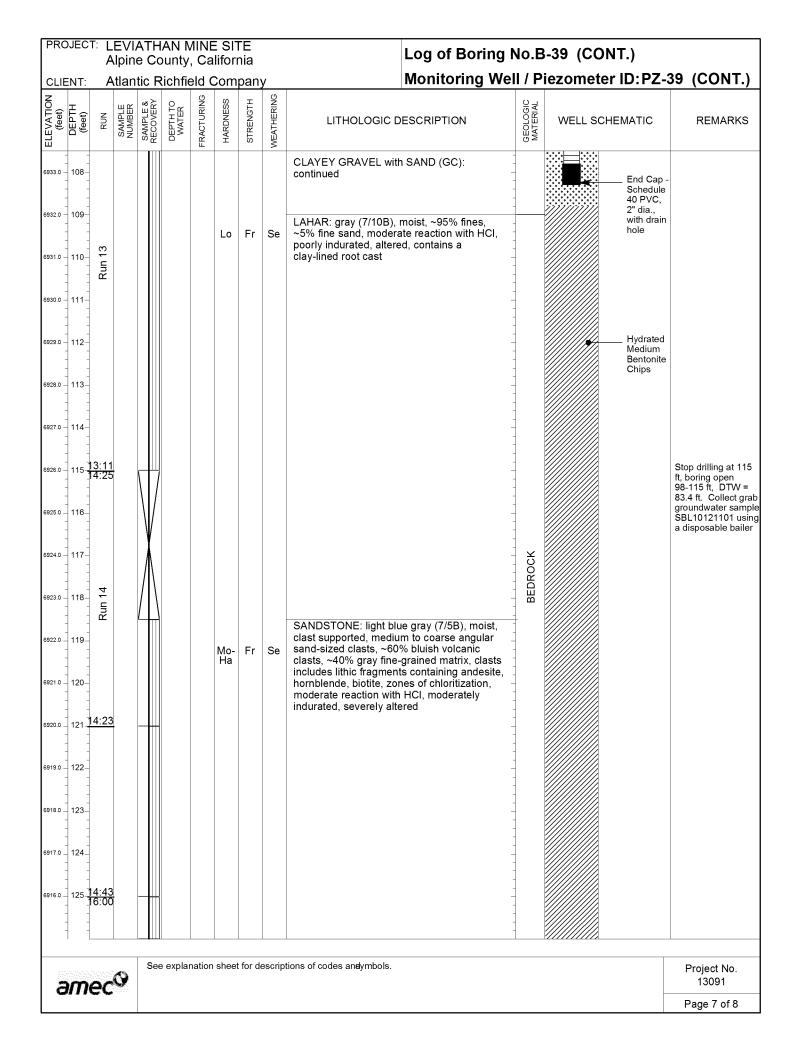


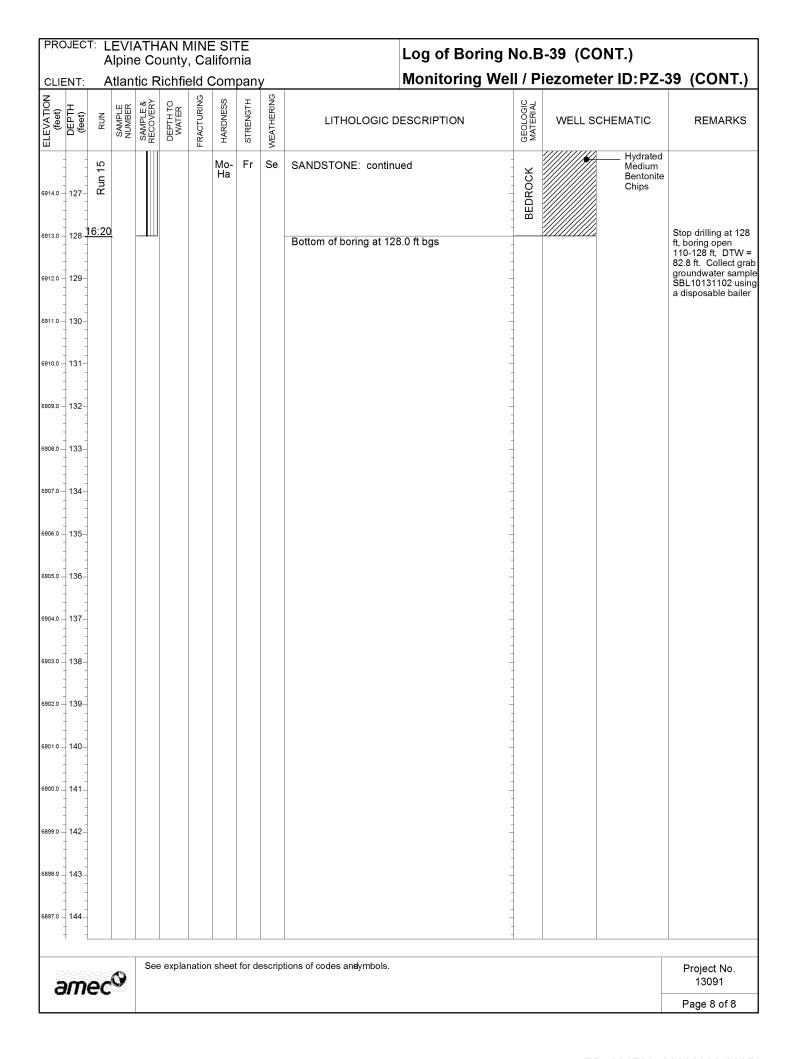




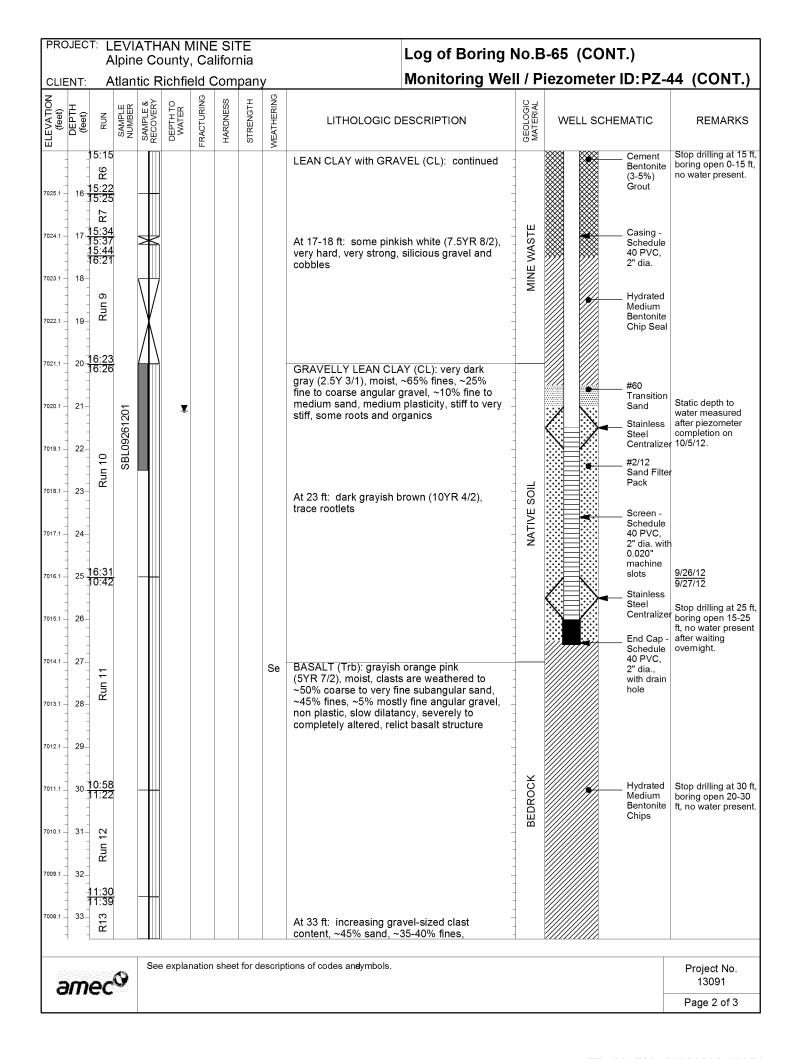


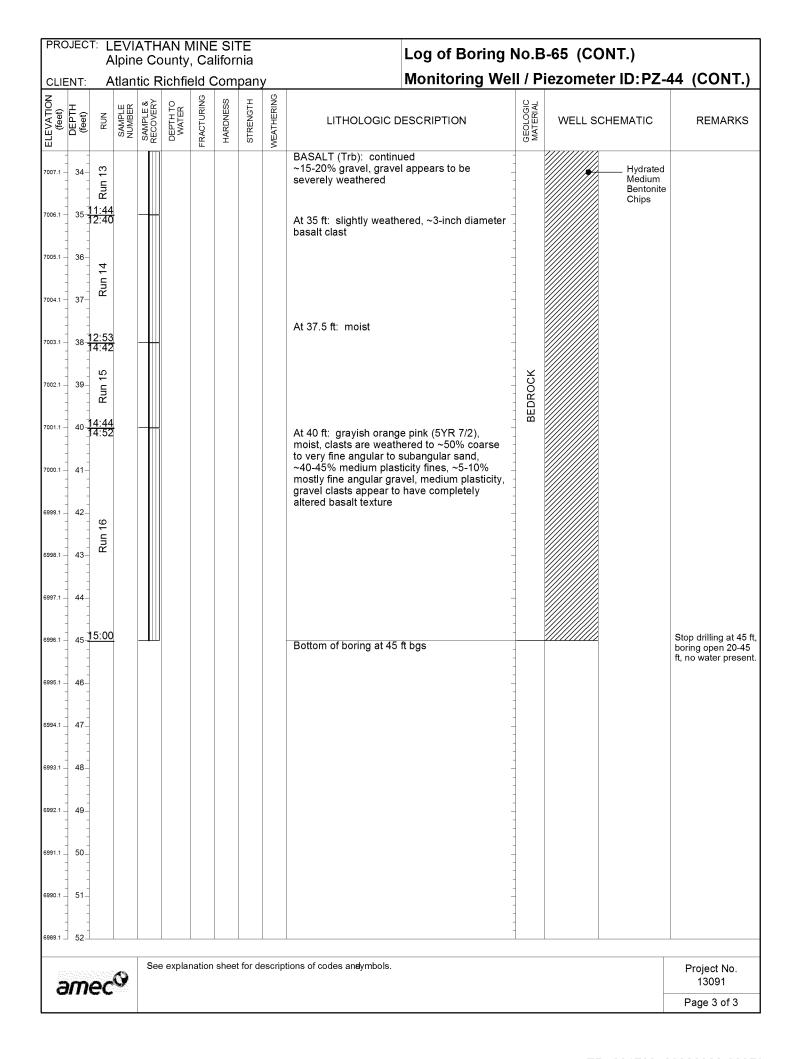


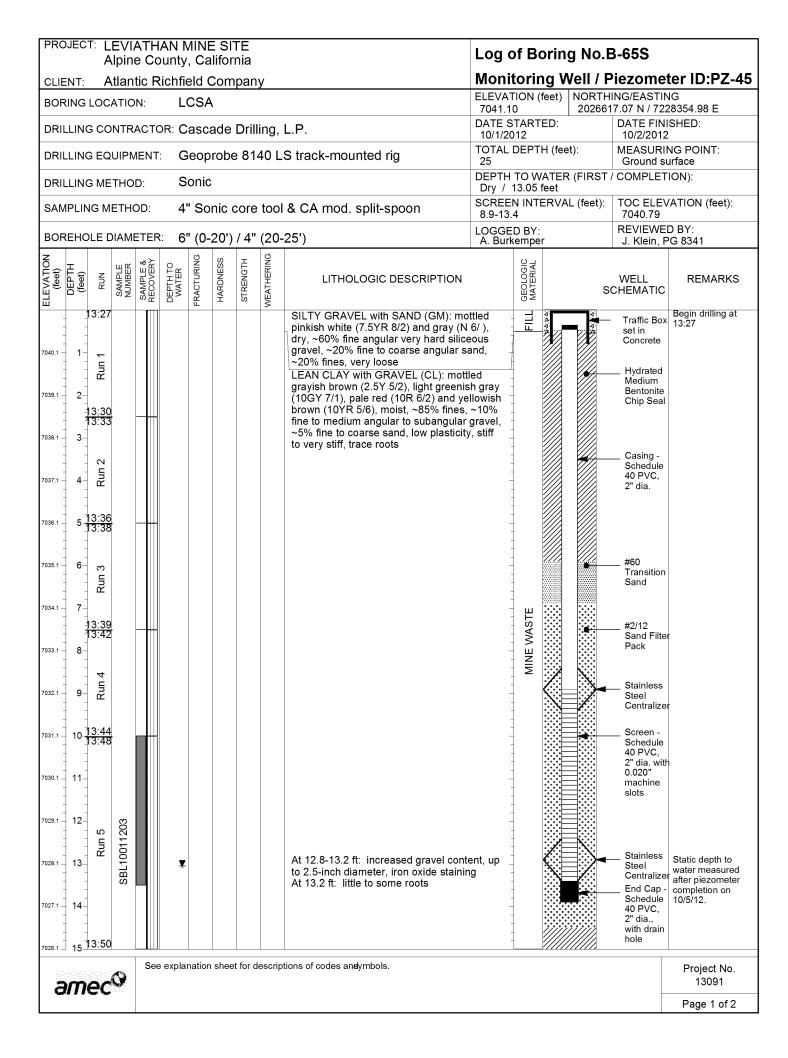


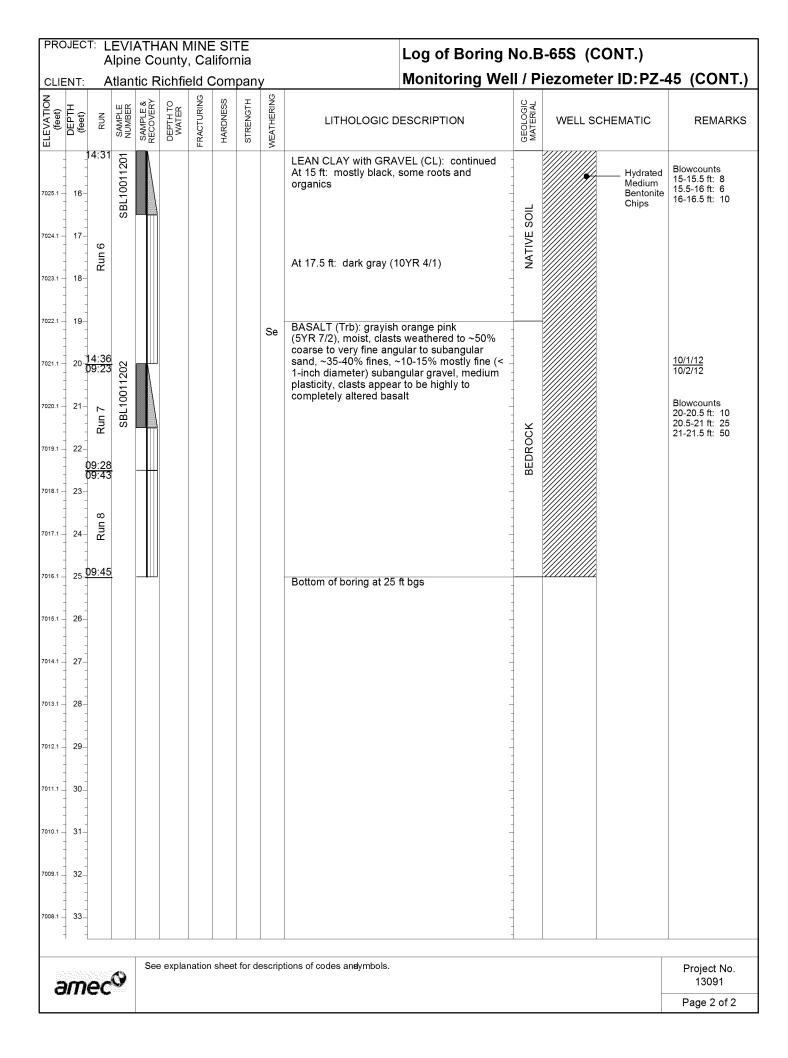


PROJECT: LEVIATHAN MINE SITE Alpine County, California	Log of Boring No.B-65
CLIENT: Atlantic Richfield Company	Monitoring Well / Piezometer ID:PZ-44
BORING LOCATION: LCSA	ELEVATION (feet) NORTHING/EASTING 7041.14 2026608.33 N / 7228363.51 E
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.	DATE STARTED: DATE FINISHED:
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Geoprobe 8140 LS track-mounted rig	9/26/2012 9/28/2012 TOTAL DEPTH (feet): MEASURING POINT:
DRILLING METHOD: Sonic	45 Ground surface DEPTH TO WATER (FIRST / COMPLETION): Dry / 21.11 feet
SAMPLING METHOD: 4" Sonic core tool	SCREEN INTERVAL (feet): TOC ELEVATION (feet): 21.5-26.0 7040.76
BOREHOLE DIAMETER: 6" (0-36.5') / 4" (36.5-45')	LOGGED BY: REVIEWED BY: A. Burkemper J. Klein, PG 8341
LELEVATION (feet) (feet	TION SCHEMATIC REMARKS SCHEMATIC
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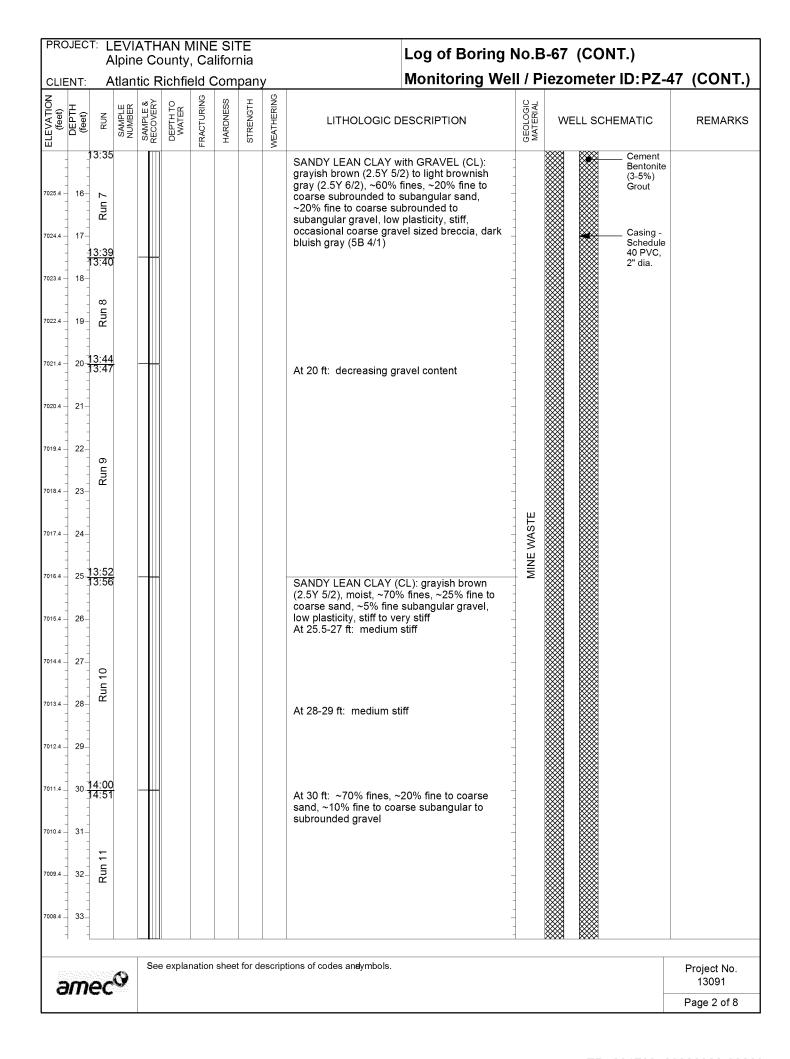


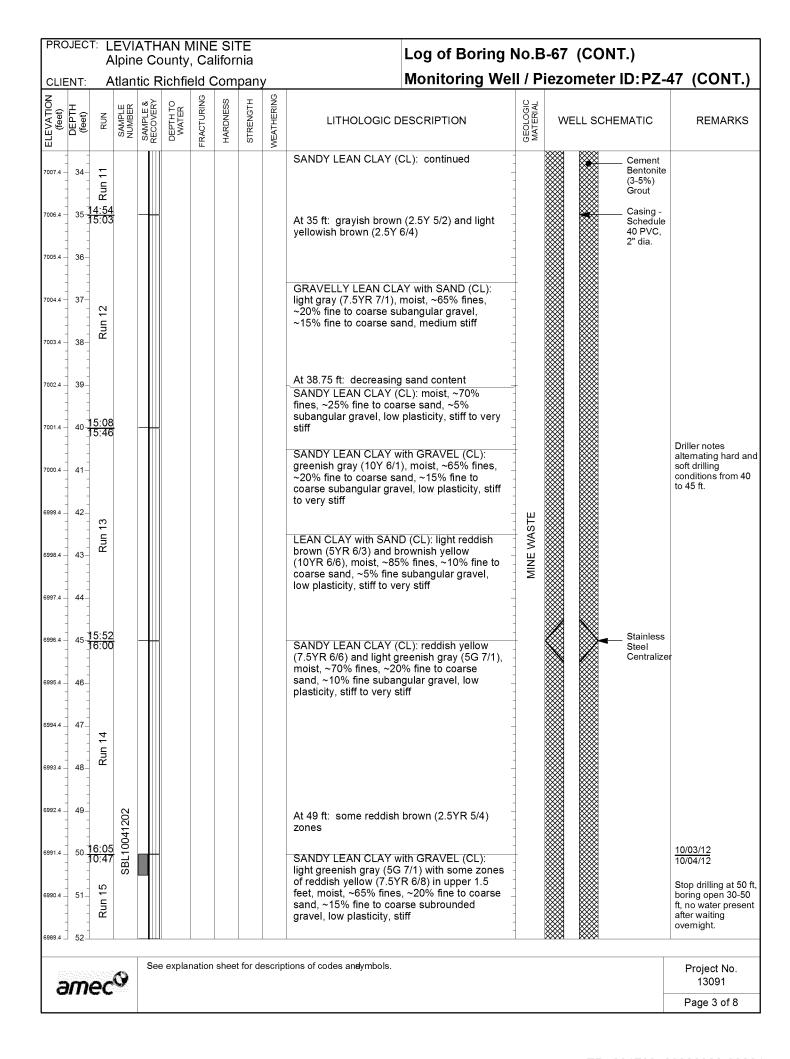


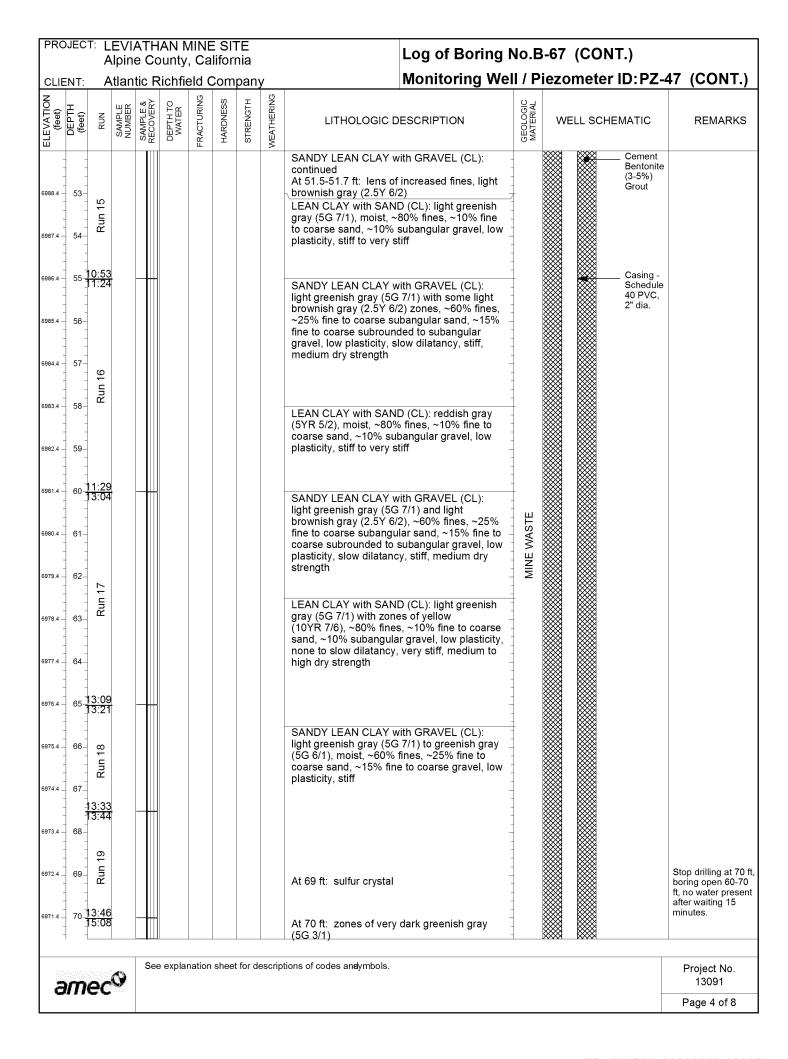


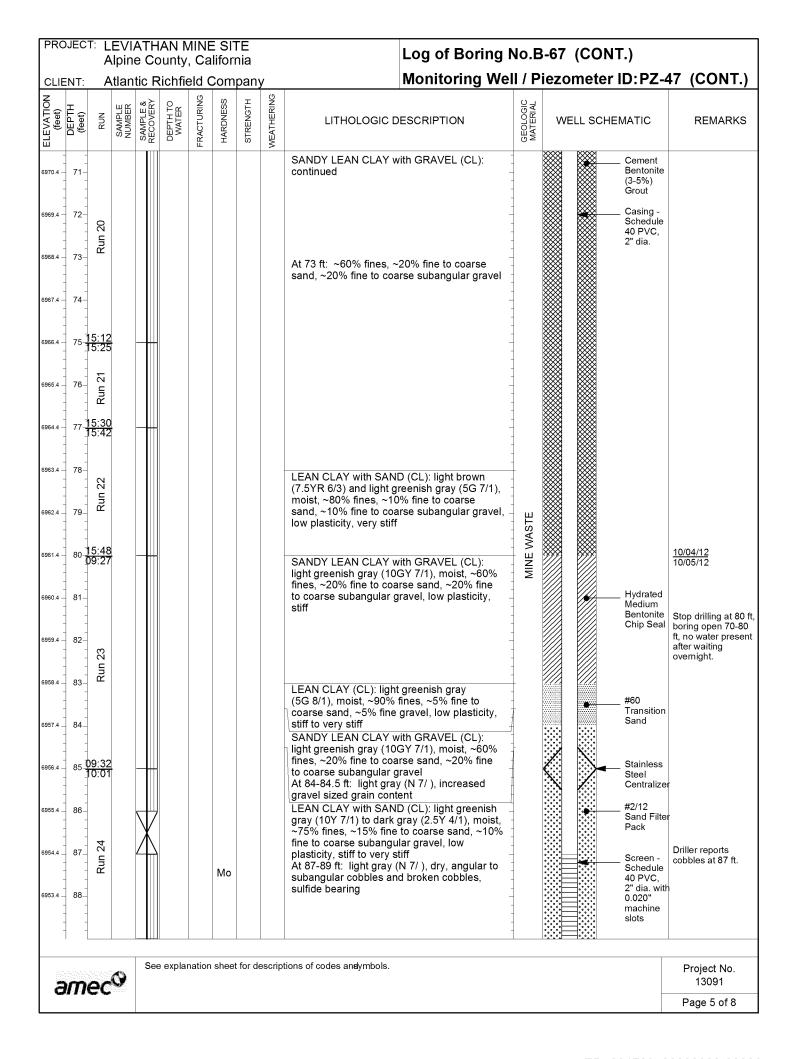


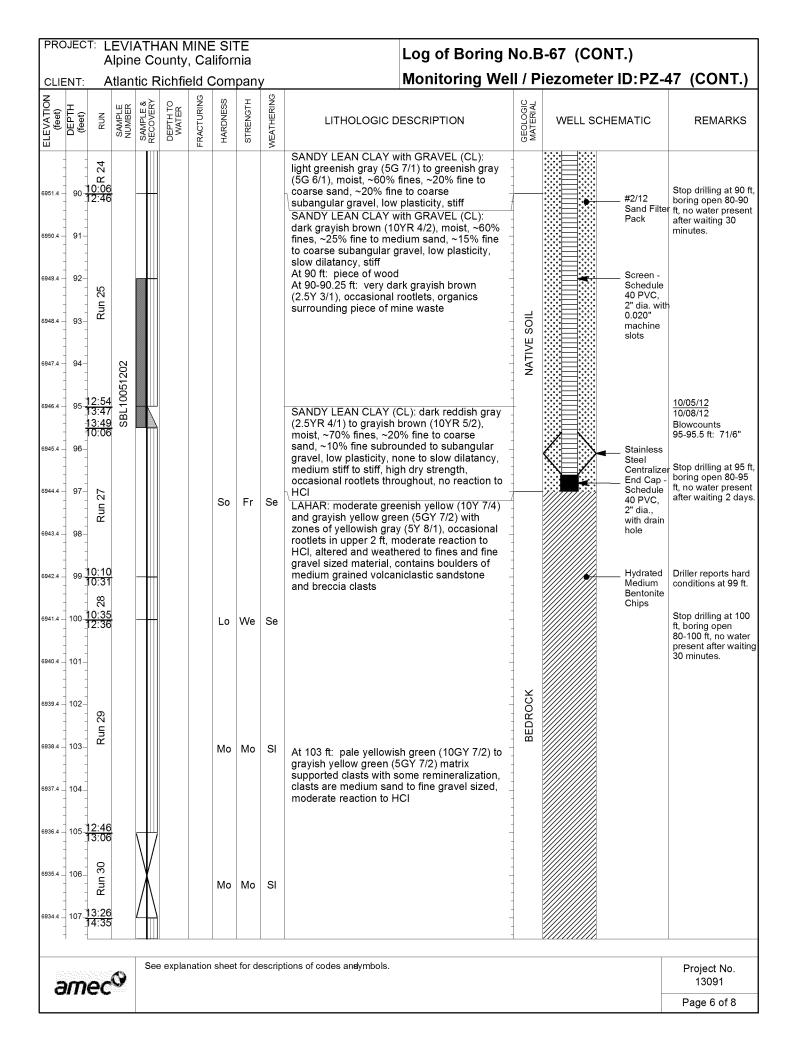
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CLIENT: Atlantic	•			У		Monitoring Well / Piezometer ID:PZ-47				
BORING LOCATION	L	CSA				ELEVATION (feet) NORTHING/EASTING 7041.42 2026782.46 N / 7228641.14 E				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.						DATE STARTED: DATE FIN 10/3/2012 10/15/20				SHED:
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Geoprobe 8140 LS track-mounted rig						TOTAL DEPTH (feet): MEASUR			MEASURIN	NG POINT:
DRILLING METHOD:		onic				DEPT Dry /	H TO WATER (F Dry	IRST / (Ground su	
SAMPLING METHOD): 4'	' Soni	c core	too	l & CA mod. split-spoon	SCRE 87.0-	EN INTERVAL (1 96.6	eet):	TOC ELEV 7040.95	'ATION (feet):
BOREHOLE DIAMET	ER: 6'	' (0-10	00') / 4	." (10	00-141')		ED BY: nzales		REVIEWEI	
NO T III N		·	i	-	,	7, 0,				
ELEVATION (feet) DEPTH (feet) (feet) RUN SAMPLE NUMBER	DEPTH TO WATER	FRACTURING	STRENGTH	WEATHERING	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION		GEOLOGIC		WELL HEMATIC	REMARKS
7040.4 - 1 - 5					SILTY GRAVEL with SAND (GM): pin white (7.5YR 8/2), dry, ~60% fine to c subangular gravel, ~20% fines, ~20% coarse sand, very loose GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY (CL): grayis (2.5Y 5/2) and yellowish brown (10YR moist, ~70% fines, ~20% fine to coarse subrounded to subangular gravel, ~10 to coarse sand, low plasticity, stiff to verse.	oarse fine to h brown R 5/6), se 0% fine		व क	Traffic Box set in Concrete	Begin drilling at 12:45 Soil sample SBL10161201 collected from 0-0.5 ft. Soil sample SBL10161202
7038.4 3 12:55 12:55 12:55 7037.4 4 2 66					to occurse suria, low placeatily, suit to v	ery our			Coment Bentonite (3-5%) Grout	collected from 2-2.5 ft. Grab soil samples (0-6 ft) collected from companion boring advanced ~10 ft east of original boring.
7036.4					At 5.5 ft: cobble		ASTE		_ Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia.	Soil sample SBL10161203 collected from 5-5.5 ft.
7033.4 8 8 4 4 4 4 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7					At 7.5-10.5 ft: light brownish gray (2.5	5Y 6/2)	MINE WA		_ Stainless	
					At 10.5-12 ft: strong brown (7.5YR 5/	8)			Steel Centralizer	
7030.4 – 11 – LG						-,				
7029.4 - 12 - 13:19 - 13:29					At 12-15 ft: pale green (5GY 6/2)					
7028.4 - 13-										
7027.4 - 14 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -										
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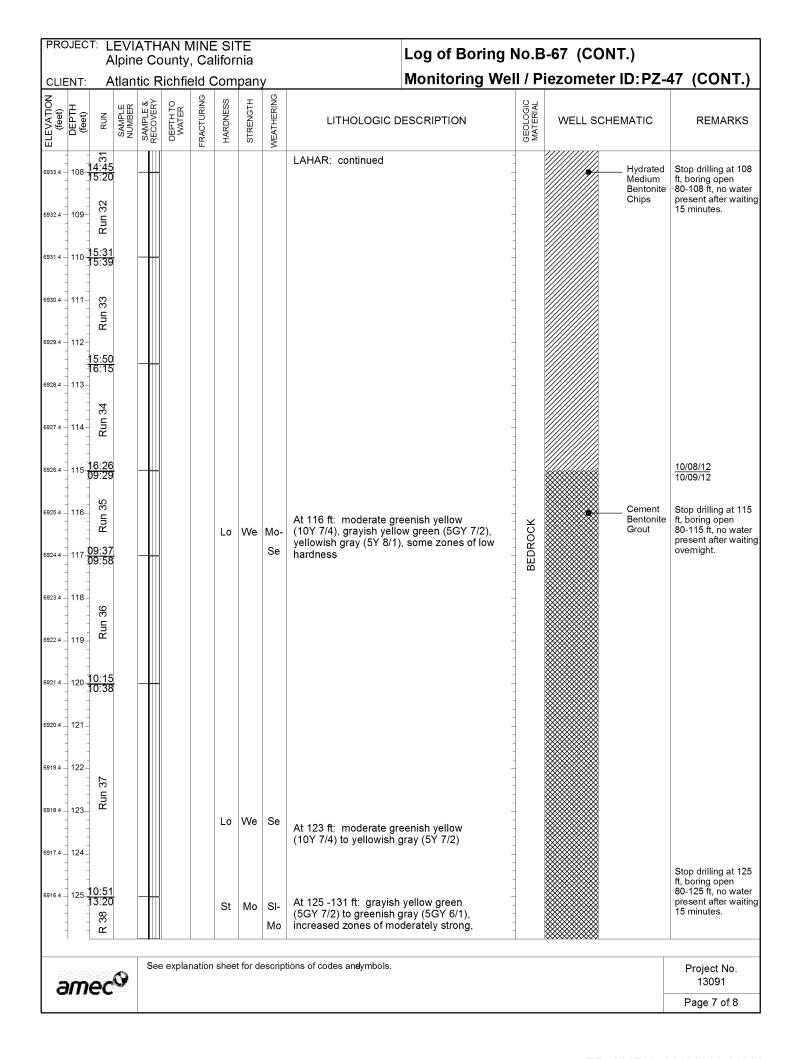


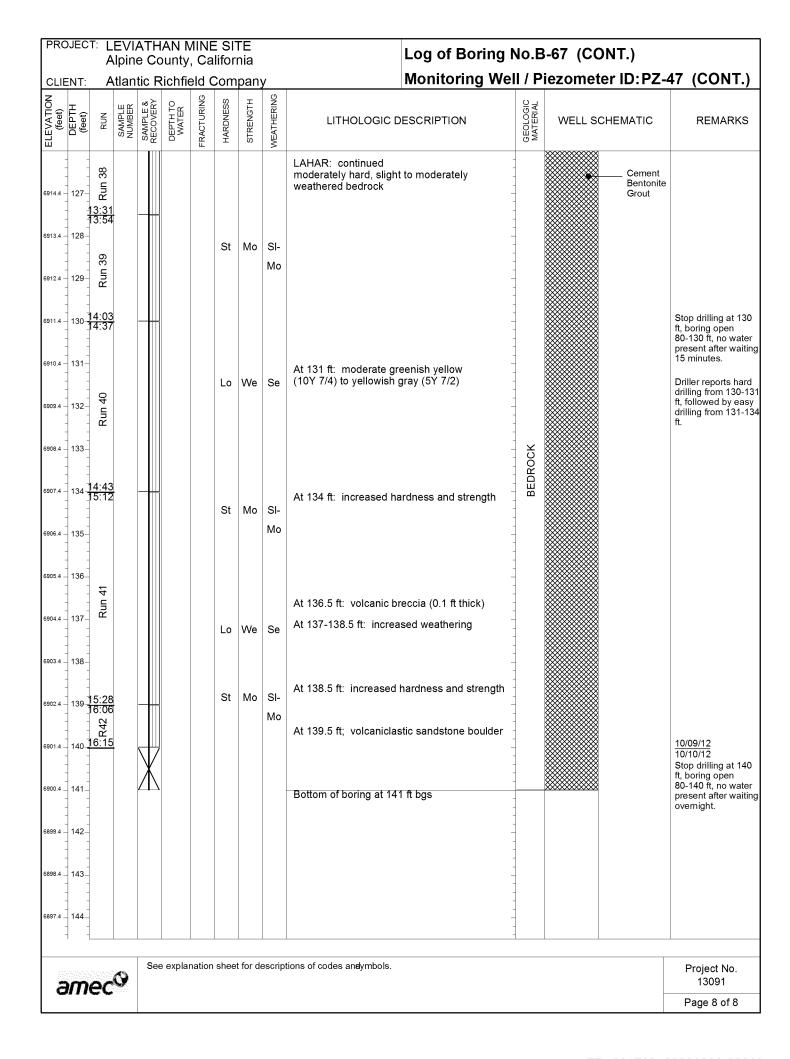




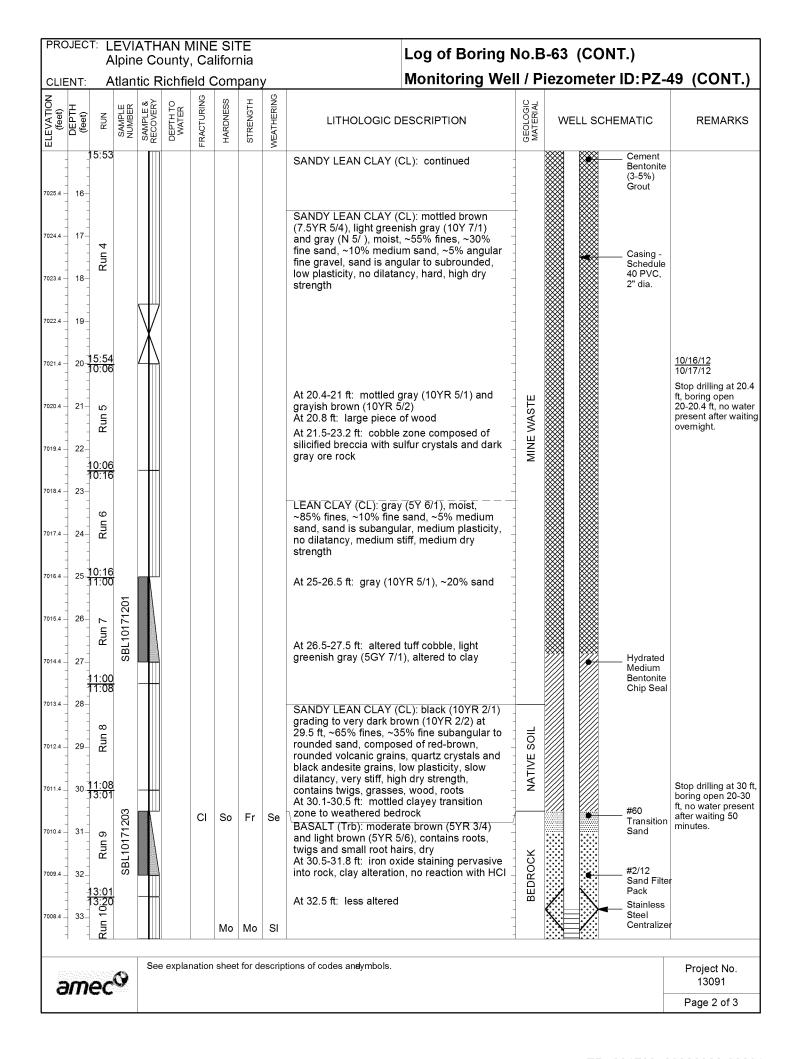


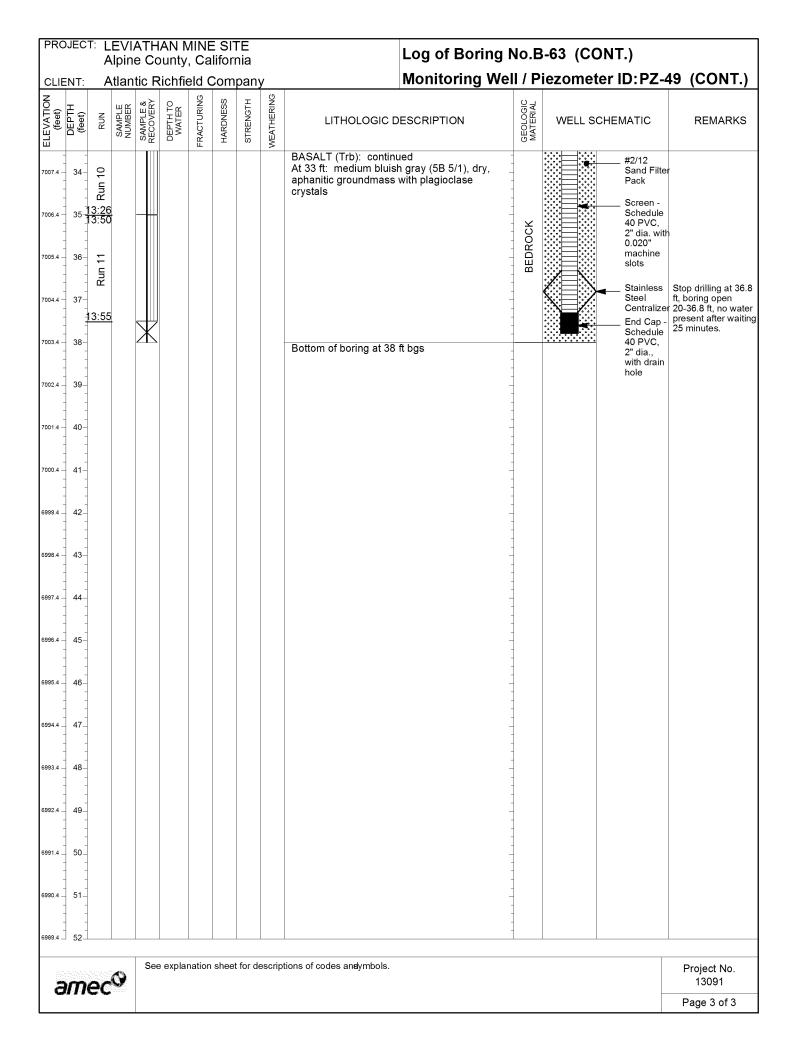




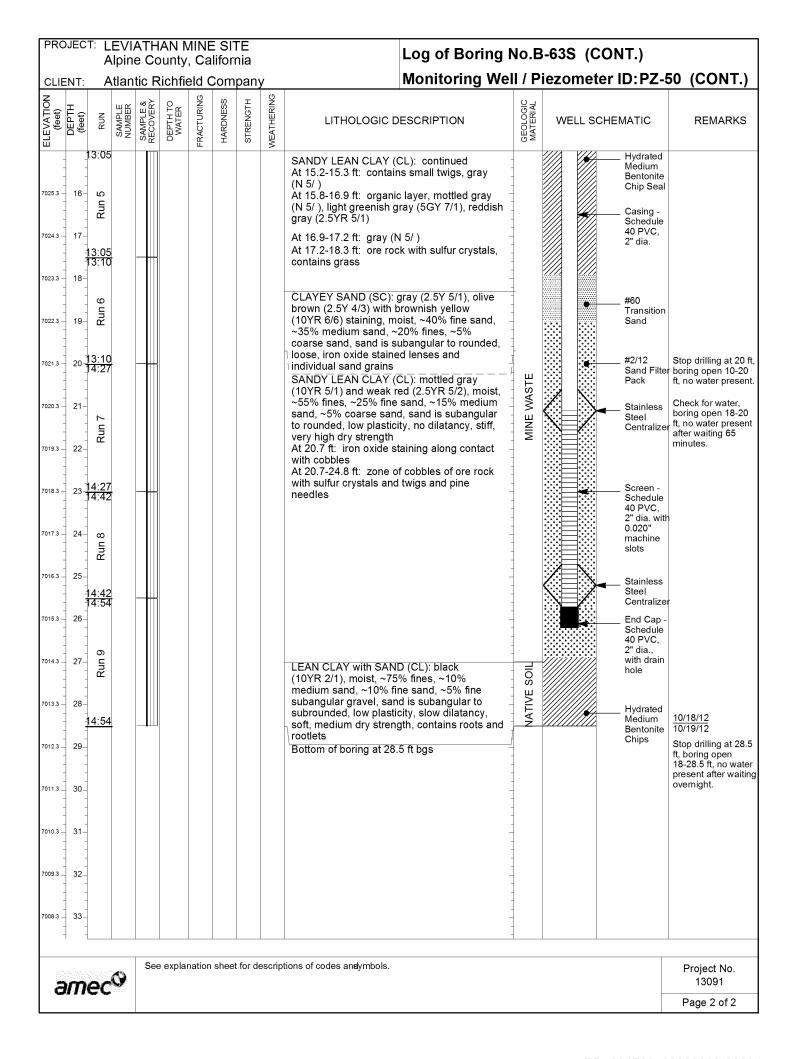


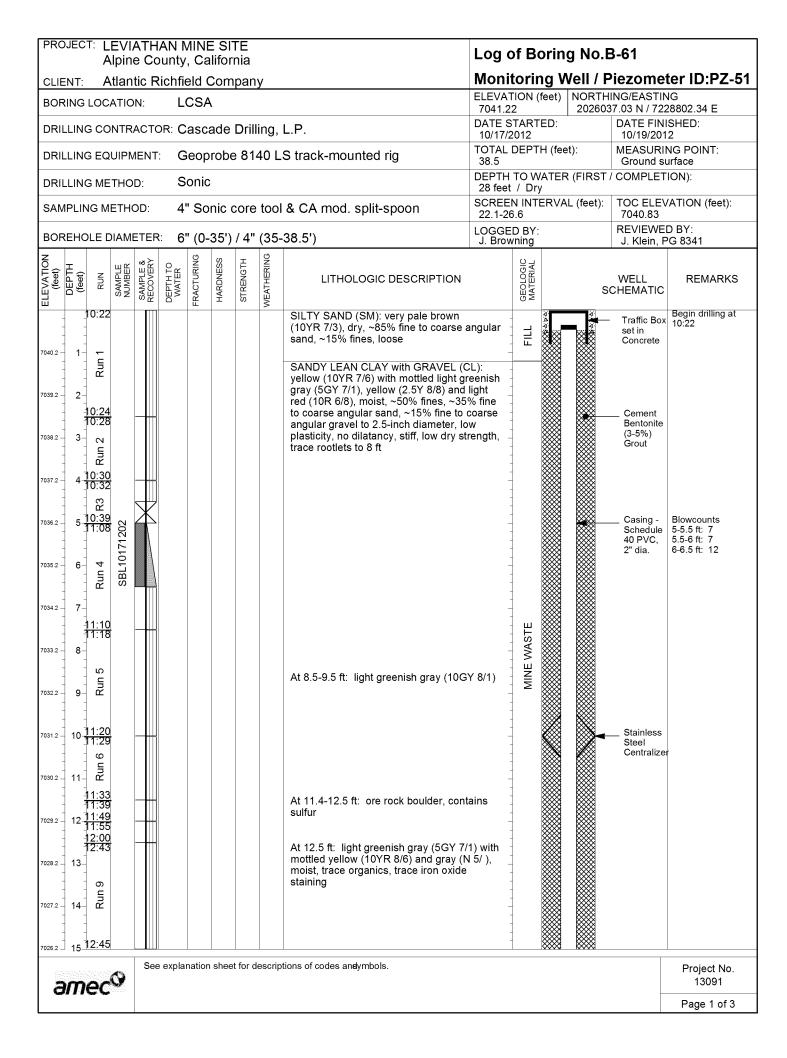
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BORING LOCATION		LC:		•			ELEVA 7041.3		RTHING/EASTIN 026329.16 N / 722	
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.						DATE S	STARTED:	DATE FINI	SHED:	
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Sonic Corp. 50K truck-mounted rig						10/16/2012 10/18/20 TOTAL DEPTH (feet): MEASUR			NG POINT:	
				orp. v		truck-mounted rig	38 DEPTH	I TO WATER (FI	Ground st RST / COMPLET	
DRILLING METHO	D:	Soi					NA / D	ry		
SAMPLING METH	OD:	4" 8	& 6" \$	Sonic	core	e tool & CA mod. split-spoon	32.8-3		7041.09	'ATION (feet):
BOREHOLE DIAM	ETER:	6" ((0-38	')			LOGGE M. Ka		REVIEWEI J. Klein, P	
(feet) DEPTH (feet) (feet) RUN SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE & RECOVERY	DEPTH TO WATER	HARDNESS	STRENGTH	WEATHERING	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION		GEOLOGIC	WELL	REMARKS
SAI R	SAN	VA WA	HAR	STR	WEAT			GEO	SCHEMATIC	
7040.4 — 1 —						CLAYEY SAND with GRAVEL (SC): brown (2.5Y 5/2), moist, ~30% fine sa ~25% fines, ~20% fine angular grave medium sand, ~10% coarse sand, sa subangular to subrounded, medium d gravel clasts composed primarily of h weathered andesite	and, I, ~15% nd is lense,		Traffic Box set in Concrete	Begin drilling at 14:45
7039.4 — 2 — L S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S						SANDY LEAN CLAY with GRAVEL (mottled light greenish gray (5G 8/1), red (10R 5/3), olive yellow (2.5Y 6/6), (N 6/), light greenish gray (5GY 8/1), ~50% fines, ~15% fine sand, ~15% fi angular to subangular gravel, ~10% r sand, ~5% coarse sand, ~5% coarse subangular gravel, subangular gravel, subangular gravel, source subangular gr	weak gray moist, ne nedium		Cement Bentonite (3-5%) Grout	
7036.4 5 14:46 14:52						stiff, high dry strength, gravel fragmer highly weathered and are altered to c breaks apart easily At 1.3-2 ft: high sulfur content At 2.7-3.4 ft: iron oxide staining	nts are		Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia.	
7034.4 - 7 - 0 - 5 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2								MINE WASTE		
7031.4 10 14:53									Stainless Steel Centralized	
7029.4 12 m						At 12 ft: less gravel At 12.4-12.7 ft: orange iron oxide sta	ining			
7028.4 13 CC 7027.4 14 15:36						SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): mottled da (5Y 4/1) and greenish gray (10Y 6/1), fines, ~25% fine sand, ~10% fine sub gravel, low plasticity, no dilatancy, so dry strength, contains bark, pine need branches, wood pieces, moderate hydrocarbon odor	~65% angular ft, high			
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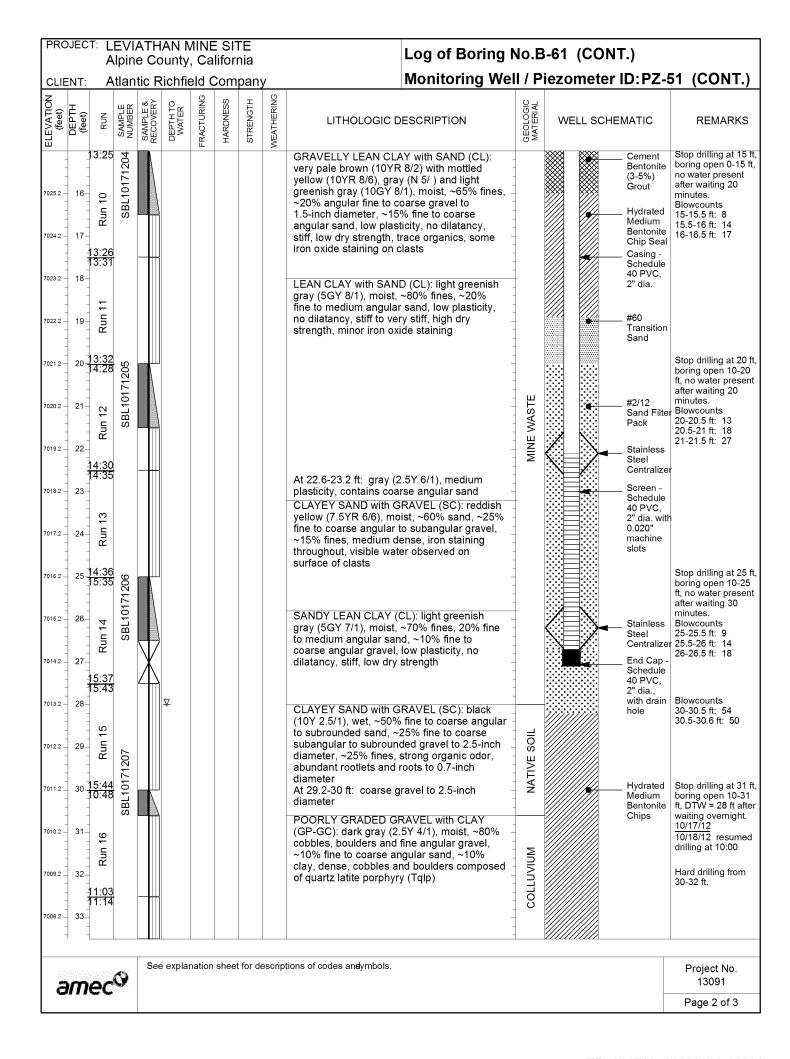


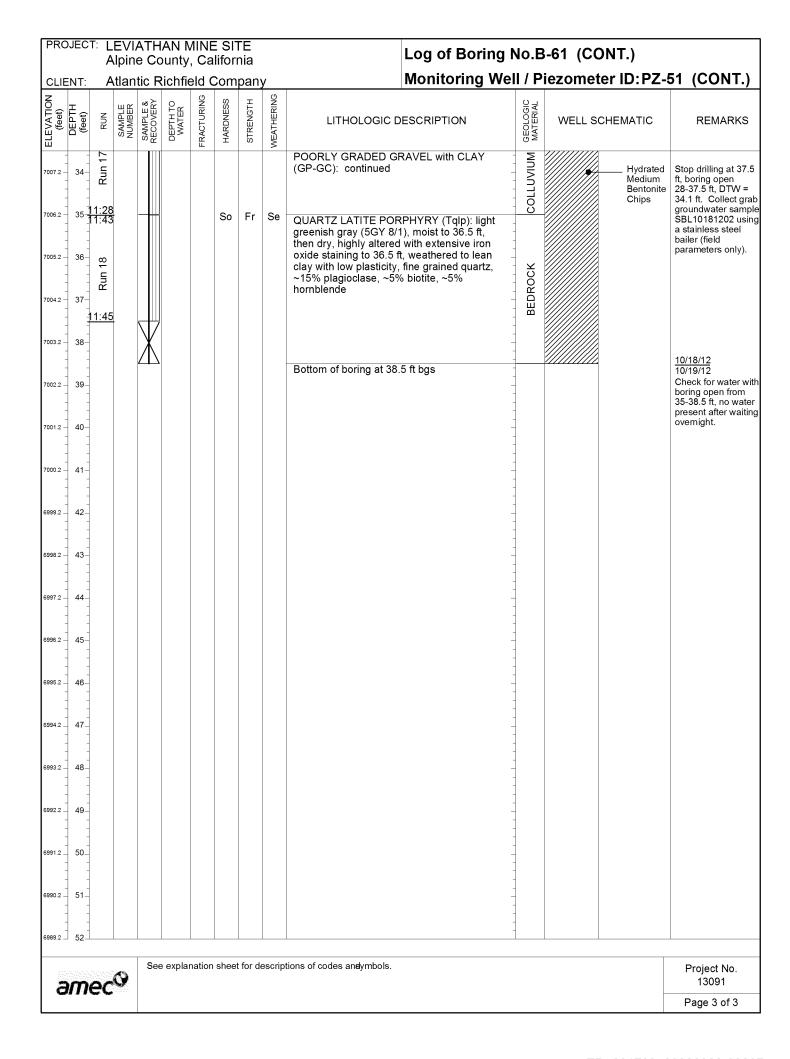


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1	tic Richfie			У		Moi	nitoring We	ell / P	iezomet	er ID:PZ-50		
	BORING LOCATION: LCSA								ELEVATION (feet) NORTHING/EASTING 7041.32 2026337.86 N / 72286			
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.							DATE STARTED: DATE FIN 10/18/2012 10/19/20			SHED:		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Sonic Corp. 50K truck-mounted rig							TOTAL DEPTH (feet): MEASUR			IG POINT:		
							TH TO WATER (FIRST	Ground su			
	DRILLING METHOD: Sonic DEFINITION NA / Dry SAMPLING METHOD: 411 9 611 Senie core tool 9 CA mod entit encore SCREEN INTERVAL (feet): TOC EL							TOC ELEV	ATION (feet):			
SAMPLING METHO	טכ: 4"	& 0" S	onic	core	e tool & CA mod. split-spoon	21.1	-25.7 GED BY:		7041.07 REVIEWED			
BOREHOLE DIAMI		(0-28.5	5')		T		GED BY. Kairouz		J. Klein, P			
ELEVATION (feet) DEPTH (feet) RUN SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE & RECOVERY DEPTH TO WATER	FRACTURING	STRENGTH	WEATHERING	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION		GEOLOGIC	S	WELL CHEMATIC	REMARKS		
7040.3 - 1 - 12.00 7039.3 - 2 - 12.00 7038.3 - 3 - 11.50 7038.3 - 6 - 20.00 7038.3 - 6 - 20.00 7038.3 - 7 - 20.00 7038.3 - 7 - 20.00 7038.3 - 8 - 20.00 7038.3 - 8 - 20.00 7038.3 - 10 12.01 7039.3 - 10 12.48 7039.3 - 11 - 60.00 7039.3 - 12 - 12.48 7039.3 - 12 - 12.48 7039.3 - 14 - 20.00 7028.3 - 13 - 20.00 7028.3 - 13 - 20.00 7028.3 - 14 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00 7029.3 - 20.00					CLAYEY SAND (SC): grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2), dry, ~30% fines, ~30% fines, ~30% fines, ~20% medium sand, ~15% coarse sa ~5% fine subangular gravel, sand is subangular to rounded, very loose CLAYEY SAND with GRAVEL (SC): r gray (5Y 5/1), yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), moi ~45% fines, ~20% fine sand, ~15% fine and, ~15% fine sand, ~15% fine angular gravel, ~10% medium sand, ~coarse sand, ~5% coarse angular to subangular gravel, sand is subangula subrounded, low plasticity, no dilatant stiff, medium dry strength, iron oxide son gravels and in the sandy zones At 2.3-2.9 ft: contains ore rock, light greenish gray (5GY 8/1), yellowish At 5.7-6.5 ft: cobble zone of gray mineralized, silicified breccia At 7-8 ft: increase in large gravels At 8-8.9 ft: light gray (N 7/) SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): light brown gray (10YR 6/2), moist, ~55% fines, ~fine sand, ~15% medium sand, ~10% sand, sand is subangular to subround plastic, no dilatancy, very stiff, high dr strength At 11.7 ft: sulfur crystals At 12 ft: trace fine gravel	mottled 5/4), ist, ne -5% r to cy, very staining	MINE WASTE		Traffic Box set in Concrete Cement Bentonite (3-5%) Grout Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia. Stainless Steel Centralizer	Begin drilling at 11:47		
7026.3 15 13:02	See explana	ation shee	et for d	lescrip	tions of codes analymbols.		-			Project No.		
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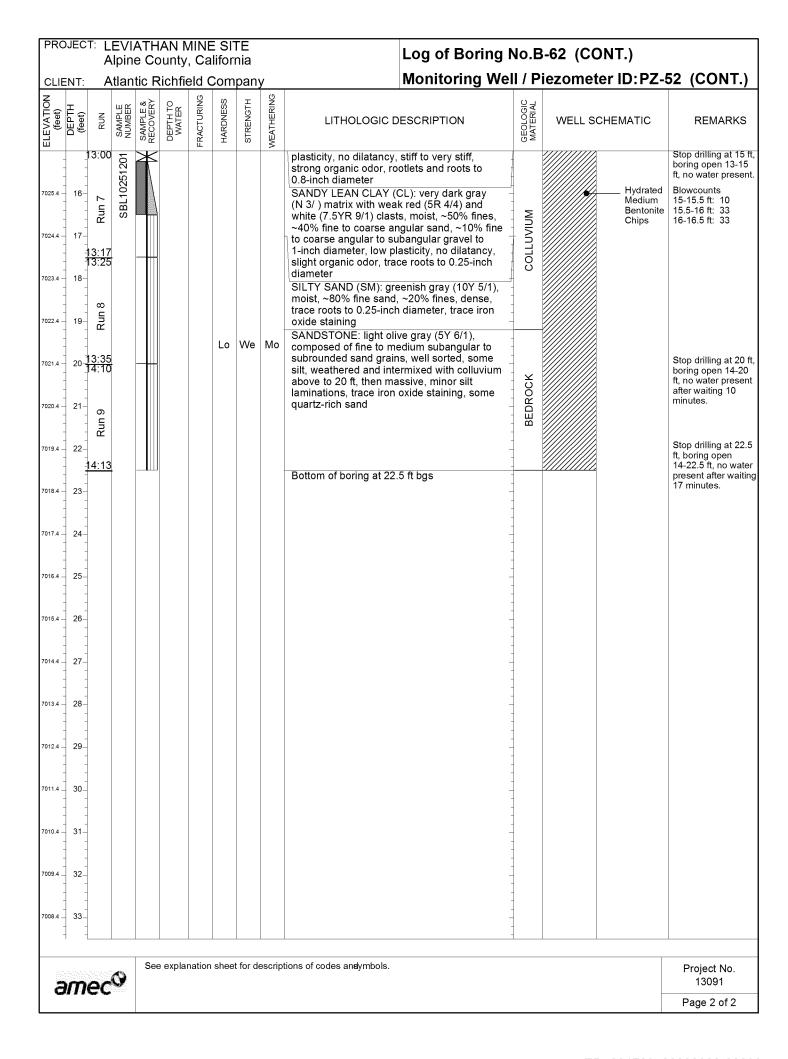




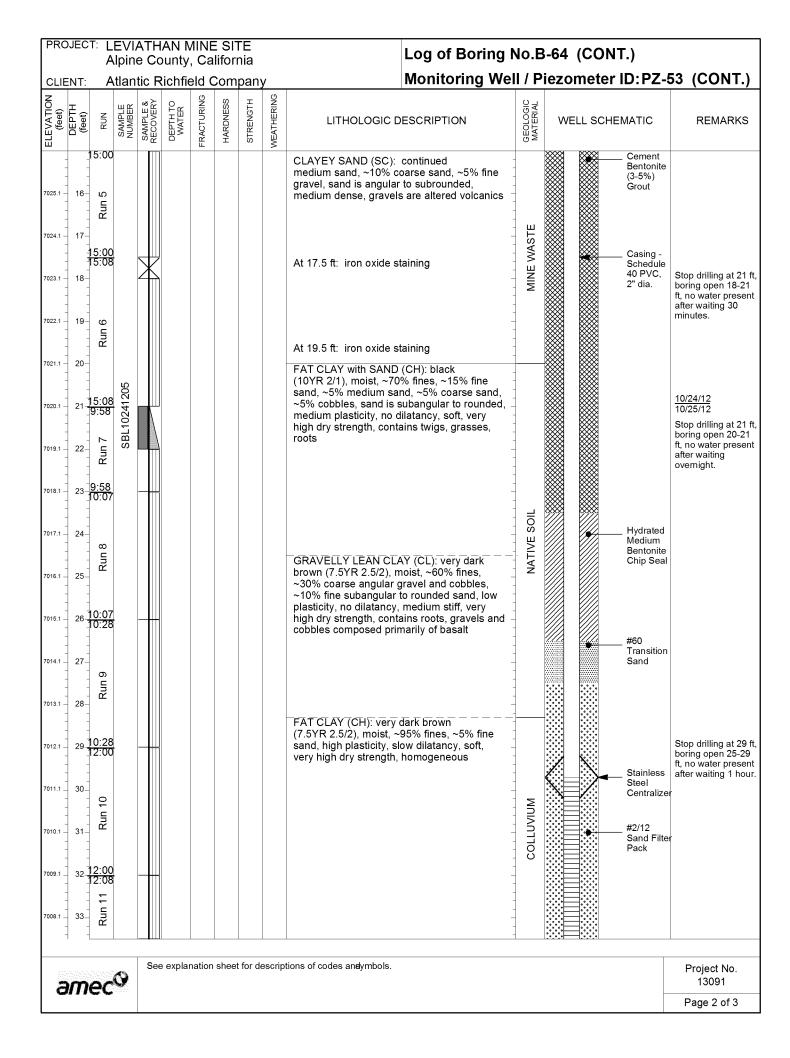


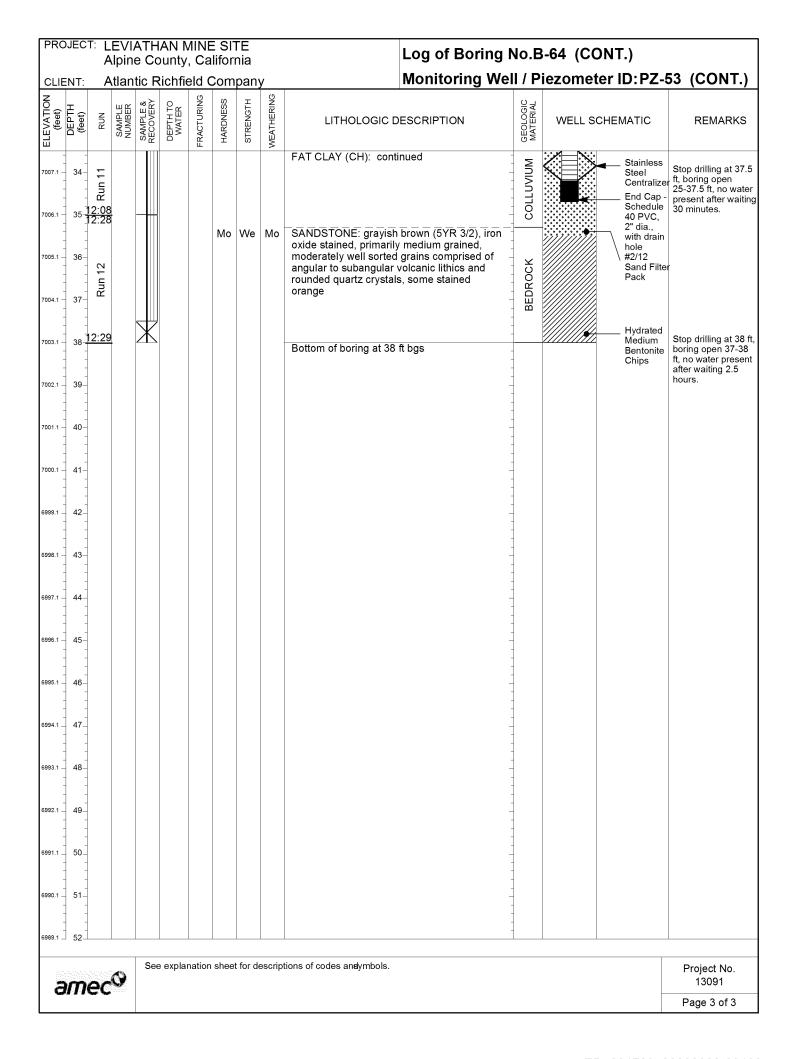


PROJECT: LEVIATH	AN MINE SITE ounty, California		Log of Boring	No.B-62			
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BORING LOCATION:	LCSA			ORTHING/EASTING 2026174.67 N / 7228713.15 E			
DRILLING CONTRACTO	DR: Cascade Dri	DATE STARTED: 10/25/2012	DATE FINISHED: 10/26/2012				
DRILLING EQUIPMENT	: Geoprobe 8	TOTAL DEPTH (feet): 22.5					
DRILLING METHOD:	Sonic	<u> </u>		FIRST / COMPLETION):			
SAMPLING METHOD:	4" Sonic cor	e tool & CA mod. split-spoon	SCREEN INTERVAL 7.1-11.6	(feet): TOC ELEVATION (feet): 7041.13			
BOREHOLE DIAMETER	R: 6" (0-14') / 4	" (14-22.5')	LOGGED BY: J. Browning	REVIEWED BY: J. Klein, PG 8341			
(feet) (feet) (feet) Run AMPLE JMBER COVERY	LTO LRING NESS VGTH	UTILOLOGIC PESCRIPT					
ELE SA SA SE	DEPTH TO WATER FRACTURING HARDNESS STRENGTH	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPT	NOI GEOLOGIC MATERIAL	WELL REMARKS SCHEMATIC			
7040.4 — 1 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		SANDY LEAN CLAY with GRAN dark gray (5YR 4/1) matrix with gray (N 4/), greenish gray (10Y brown (5YR 5/4) and pale yellow clasts, moist, ~60% fines, ~25% coarse angular to subangular sa fine to coarse angular to subang 2.4-inch diameter, low plasticity, stiff At 2-2.6 ft: pinkish white (7.5YR very dark gray (N 3/) mottling, hodor	mottled dark 6/1), reddish / (5Y 8/4) fine to nd, ~15% ular gravel to no dilatancy,	Traffic Box set in Concrete Hydrated Medium Bentonite Chip Seal Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia.			
7037.4 - 4 - 7036.4 - 5 10:18 10:23 10:23		At 4.7-6 ft: greenish gray (10GY fine to coarse gravel		#60 Transition Sand #2/12 Sand Filter Pack			
7034.4 7 - 10:25 10:34 7033.4 8 8 8			MINE WASTE	Stainless Steel Centralizer			
7032.4 9 4 5 6 7031.4 10 10:42 7031.4 10 10:42		At 9-9.5 ft: ~15% fine to coarse 3-inch diameter	gravel to	Screen - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia. with 0.020" machine slots Stop drilling at 10 ft, boring open 0-10 ft.			
7030.4 – 11– W				no water present after waiting 22 minutes. Stainless Steel Centralizer End Cap -			
7029.4 — 12— —————————————————————————————————		SILTY SAND with GRAVEL (SM yellow (7.5YR 7/6) matrix with w (10YR 9/1) clasts, moist, ~50% coarse angular sand, ~25% fine to coarse angular gravel, mediul oxide staining At 12.6-13.2 ft: mixed with orga	hite fine to s, ~25% fine m dense, iron	Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia., with drain hole Hydrated Medium Bentonite			
7027.4 14 CC		SANDY LEAN CLAY with GRA\ black (10YR 2/1), moist, ~50% f fine to coarse angular sand, ~15 coarse angular gravel to 2-inch	nes, ~35%	Chips			
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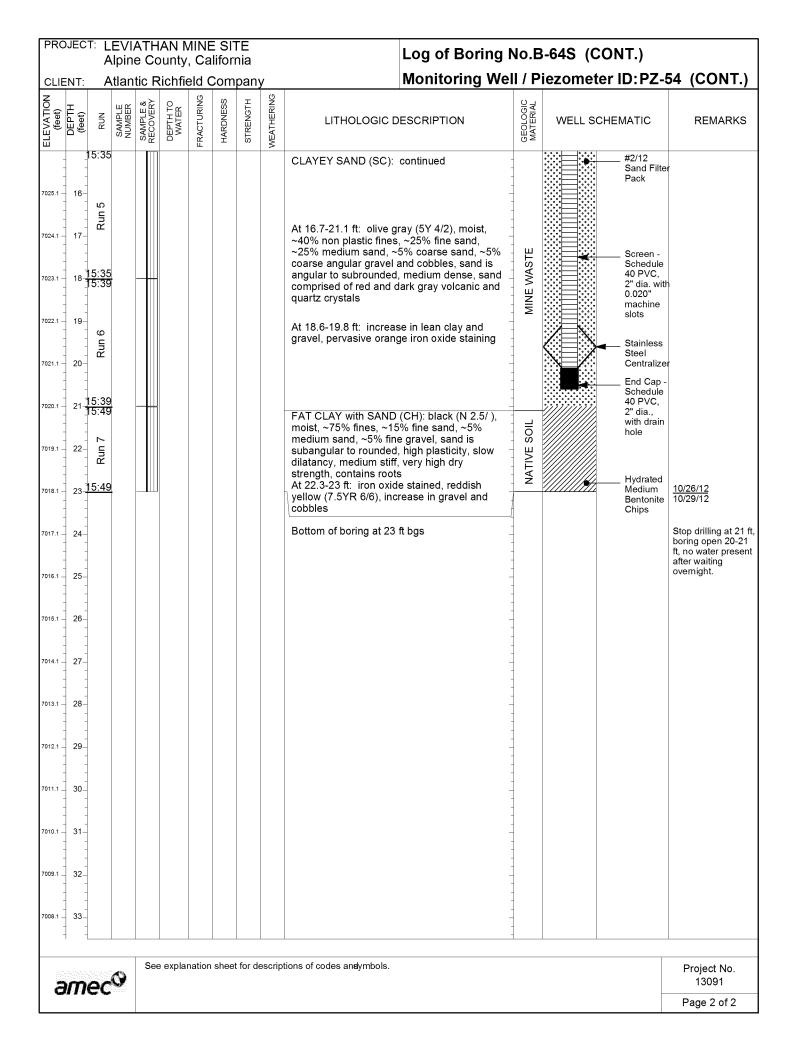


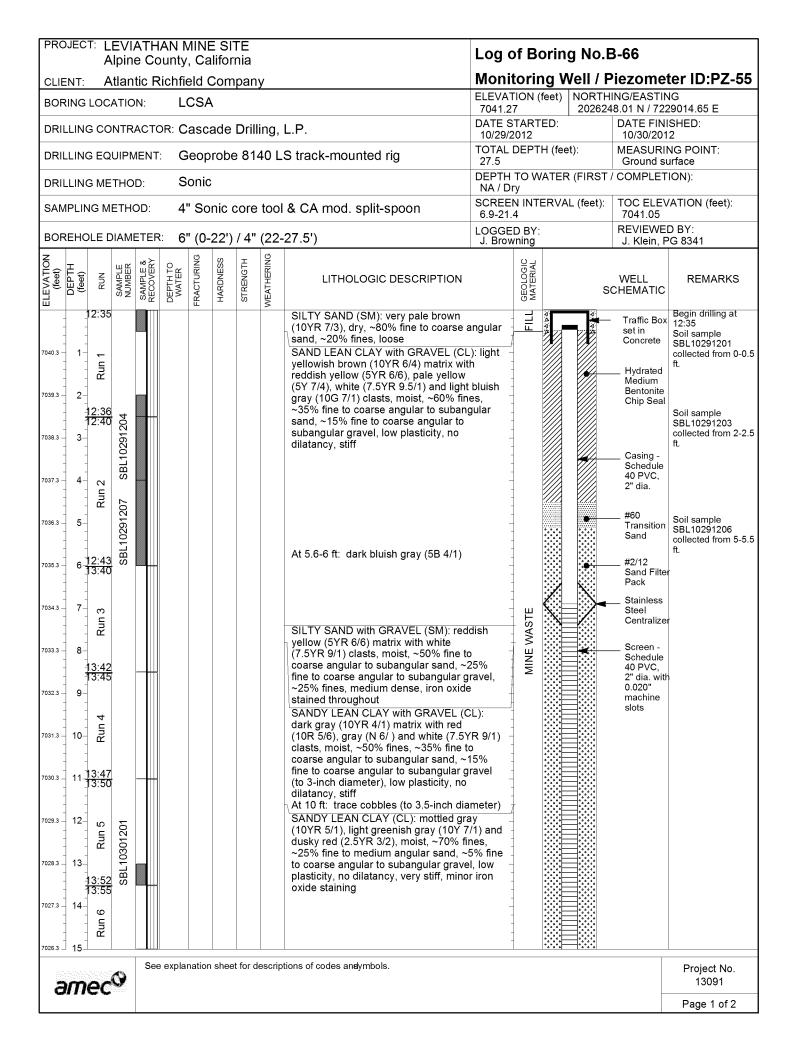
PROJECT: LEVIATHAN MINE SITE Alpine County, California	Log of Boring No.B-64
CLIENT: Atlantic Richfield Company	Monitoring Well / Piezometer ID:PZ-53
BORING LOCATION: LCSA	ELEVATION (feet) NORTHING/EASTING 7041.11 2026555.98 N / 7228433.12 E
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.	DATE STARTED: DATE FINISHED:
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Sonic Corp. 50K truck-mounted rig	10/24/2012 10/26/2012 TOTAL DEPTH (feet): MEASURING POINT:
DRILLING METHOD: Sonic	38 Ground surface DEPTH TO WATER (FIRST / COMPLETION): NA / Dry
SAMPLING METHOD: 4" Sonic core tool & CA mod. split-spoon	SCREEN INTERVAL (feet): TOC ELEVATION (feet): 7040.81
BOREHOLE DIAMETER: 6" (0-38')	LOGGED BY: REVIEWED BY: M. Kairouz J. Klein, PG 8341
ELEVATION (feet) DEPTH (feet) (feet) Run SAMPLE & SAMPLE	TION SO SO SO SO SO SO SO S
WELL-GRADED SAND (SW): I (10YR 7/2), dry, ~30% fine sand medium sand, ~30% coarse sa angular gravel, ~5% fines, sand subangular, loose	Id, ~30% set in Concrete
SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): moti (5Y 5/1), light greenish gray (5C); reddish gray (2.5YR 5/1), moist ~15% fine sand, ~15% medium coarse sand, ~5% fine angular is angular to subrounded, low p dilatancy, very stiff, medium dry trace iron oxide staining coating gravel and sand consist primari lithics and quartz grains	GY 7/1) and t, ~50% fines, - n sand, ~15% - gravel, sand - plasticity, no - y strength, - g some gravel, -
At 5-7 ft: crushed silicified bred grayish orange (10YR 7/4), dry. ~15% fine sand, ~10% medium coarse sand, sand is angular to loose, no reaction with HCl	7, ~70% fines, - n sand, ~5% 40 PVC, 2" dia.
SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): moti (5Y 5/1), light greenish gray (5C reddish gray (2.5YR 5/1), moist ~15% fine sand, ~15% medium coarse sand, ~5% fine angular is angular to subrounded, low p dilatancy, very stiff, medium dry trace iron oxide staining coating	GY 7/1) and by the second state of the second
gravel and sand consist primari lithics and quartz grains At 9-9.5 ft: gravelly zone consist ore rock with disseminated pyrit At 9.8-12 ft: orange iron oxide sandier zones with vertical to sustaining patterns	ite stained,
At 12-13 ft: light greenish gray weathered ore rock gravelly and the state of the s	
sand content	ng, increase in
7027.1 14 5 CLAYEY SAND (SC): mottled of brown (10YR 4/2) and olive gramoist, ~40% fines, ~25% fine s.	ay (5Ÿ 5/́2), - 💥 💥
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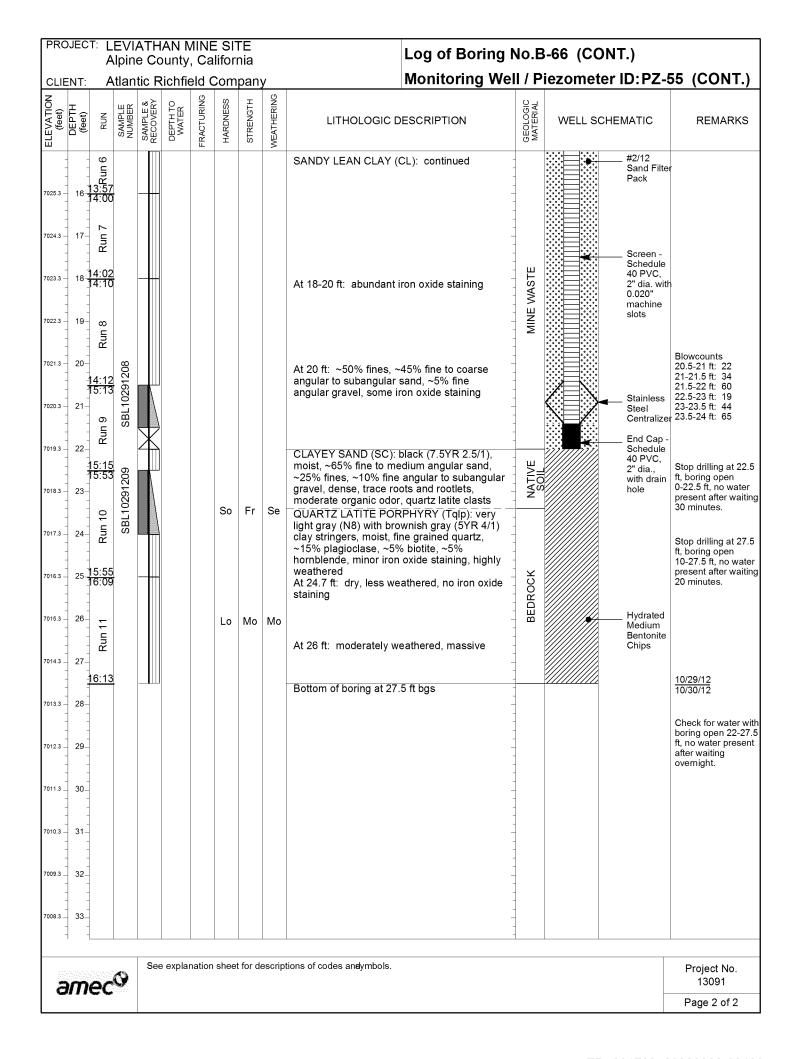




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1	tic Richfi			y		Monitoring Well / Piezometer ID:PZ-54						
	BORING LOCATION: LCSA							ELEVATION (feet) NORTHING/EASTING 7041.12 2026560.75 N / 7228				
DRILLING CONTRA	DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Cascade Drilling, L.P.						STARTED	DATE FINIS	SHED:			
DRILLING EQUIPM					truck-mounted rig					IG POINT:		
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DRILLING METHO		Sonic	<u> </u>			NA /	Dry	VAL (feet):		ATION (feet):		
SAMPLING METHO	DD: 4	" & 6"	Sonic	core	e tool	10.6-	20.1	VY LE (1001).	7040.75			
BOREHOLE DIAME	ETER: 6	" (0-23	3')				ED BY: airouz		J. Klein, P			
ELEVATION (feet) DEPTH (feet) RUN SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE & RECOVERY DEPTH TO WATER	FRACTURING	STRENGTH	WEATHERING	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION		GEOLOGIC	S	WELL CHEMATIC	REMARKS		
7040.1 — 1 —				>	WELL-GRADED SAND (SW): light gr (10YR 7/2), dry, ~30% fine sand, ~30° medium sand, ~30% coarse sand, ~1 angular gravel, sand is angular to subangular, loose	%	FILL	9	- Traffic Box set in Concrete	Begin drilling at 14:41		
7039.1 — 2 — L UN 2 Y 7038.1 — 3 —					SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL): mottled gra (5Y 5/1), light greenish gray (5GY 7/1 strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) and grayish (2.5Y 5/2), moist, ~50% fines, ~20% f sand, ~10% medium sand, ~10% coa sand, ~5% fine angular gravel, ~5% c angular gravel, sand is angular to subrounded, low plasticity, no dilatanc stiff, medium dry strength, some iron staining, particularly around coarser a and gravel), brown ine rse oarse cy, very oxide		•	— Hydrated Medium Bentonite Chip Seal			
7035.1 - 6 -					At 5-8.8 ft: crushed silicified ore rock boulder, dark yellowish orange (10YR dry, ~70% fines, ~15% fine sand, ~10 medium sand, ~5% coarse sand, sand angular to subangular, loose, no react with HCI	% d is			Casing - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia.			
7034.1 — 7 — C — C — C — C — C — C — C — C — C							MINE WASTE		#60 Transition Sand			
7032.1 — 9 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					CLAYEY SAND (SC): mottled grayish (2.5Y 5/2), strong brown (7.5YR 5/6), pale brown (10YR 7/3) and gray (10Y moist, ~45% fines, ~20% fine sand, ~ medium sand, ~10% coarse angular g~5% fine angular gravel, ~5% coarse	very R 5/1), 15% gravel,	NIW		#2/12 Sand Filter Pack			
7030.1 - 11 - m mn 2 - 15:02					sand is angular to subangular, stiff At 10.7-11.1 ft: intermixed with crushe silicified rock At 11.1-11.6 ft: zone of iron oxide sta	ed			Stainless Steel Centralizer			
7029.1 12 15:02 15:21 7028.1 13												
7027.1 14 2 7026.1 15 15:21					At 14.3-15 ft: gravel consists of gray streecia (ore rock) with disseminated p		- - - - - - - -		Screen - Schedule 40 PVC, 2" dia. with 0.020" machine slots			
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APPENDIX C

2015 through Mid-2016 Transducer Data (on CD)